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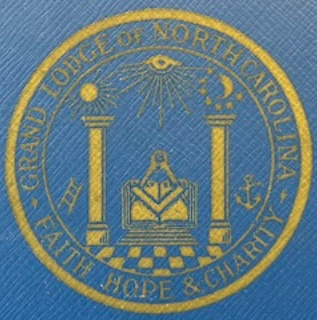

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INTRODUCTION

Little is known of any printed or published regulations for the government of Masonic Bodies during the early years of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina. During each meeting of the Grand Lodge, laws, resolutions, and edicts were enacted and incorporated in the proceedings. Only those transactions were sent out for the information and government of the Lodges. Frequently the copies of the proceedings were lost. It was very rare that a complete file of the proceedings could be found. No other sources of information were at hand.

The Ahiman Rezon and Masonic Ritual, published at New Bern, NC in 1805 was perhaps the most generally accepted guide for the government of Masonic bodies during a number of years after its publication. Other manuals were used, but no complete compilation of the regulations of the Grand Lodge was arranged in convenient form for use in the lodges.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year 1866 includes, as an appendix, the Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Resolutions, and a digest of the decisions of the Grand Masters up to that date. The proceedings for 1876 contained a similar appendix. Some time before this the Constitution and By-Laws had been published in pamphlet form; but none of these arrangements were satisfactory.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of 1873, Grand Master John Nichols made a number of excellent recommendations. He suggested that "a small handbook, containing the Constitution, By-Laws, and edicts of the Grand Lodge, with a digest of the decisions of the Grand Masters now in force, rules for conducting Masonic trials, forms useful and necessary for the transaction of lodge business, with a copious index, would be invaluable to the officers and members of Subordinate Lodges."

The Grand Secretary, Donald W. Bain, was requested to prepare such a handbook. With great care and labor he prepared the manuscript and presented it at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1874. A committee was appointed to co-operate with the Grand Secretary and after a full and thorough examination, to have the book printed if they should find it satisfactory. This was done. The Code of 1875 was presented at the Grand Lodge. This Code remained the Masonic standard until 1892 when it was revised.

It was again revised in 1897, and was in constant use until 1915, when the Code as revised by Brethren John C. Drewry, John T. Alderman, and A. B. Andrews, Jr., was adopted.

At the Annual Communication in 1920, Grand Master Henry A. Grady, in his address, recommended that the Code be again revised, and suggested that Brethren R. C. Dunn, Charles B. Newcomb, and F. W. Kenney be appointed a Committee for such Code revision. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence concurred in the recommendation of Grand Master Grady. The above named Brethren were accordingly appointed with full power to revise and re-write the Code. Work was begun by this Committee, but Brother Kenney soon found that due to a change of business he would not be able to serve. His resignation was accepted. Brother J. Edward Allen was appointed in his place by Grand Master James H. Webb. The Code, as revised by this Committee, was submitted to the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in January, 1923; was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, which submitted it to the Code Commission for corrections and

additions. The Code, with these additions, corrections and the index came up for adoption at the Annual Communication in 1924. When the report of the Jurisprudence Committee recommended the same be adopted, it was unanimously carried.

At the Annual Communication in 1936, the Grand Master recommended that the Code of 1924, the two volumes of Andrew's Digest, and all decisions in the Proceedings from 1926 forward be revised. This recommendation was approved by the Grand Lodge. Brother Charles B. Newcomb was commissioned to select his assistants and proceed to revise the Code and Digest. This work having been completed, the text of the proposed revision was presented at the Annual Communication of 1946; laid over until the Annual Communication of 1948 and was unanimously adopted, with certain amendments and deletions at 12:17 A.M. April 22, 1948.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1956, the Code Commission was directed to prepare and present to the Annual Communication of 1957, a revision of THE CODE of 1948, to bring it up to date. This was done. The revised edition was presented at the Annual Communication of 1957 and adopted effective April 17, 1957.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1964, the Code Commission was directed to prepare and present to the Annual Communication of 1965, a revision of THE CODE of 1948, as amended and revised in 1957, again to bring it up to date. At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1965, this revision was postponed for consideration until 1966. This was done. The revised edition was presented at the Annual Communication of 1966, and adopted effective July 31, 1966.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1976, the Grand Secretary and Code Commission were directed and empowered to reprint THE CODE, and to include therewith the several amendments that have been adopted by the Grand Lodge since the last revision of 1967. The Grand Master, M.·.W.·.Leslie H. Garner, the Grand Secretary and The Code Commission had made a thorough study and determined that a loose leaf binder would be to the advantage of the craft in the better handling of the material contained in THE CODE. Revisions and amendments would be more readily inserted with this method of printing.

At the Annual Communication in 1993, a resolution was adopted ordering a general revision of THE CODE. The resolution named a special committee for this purpose. The committee was directed to present the general revision at the Annual Communication in 1995 and no later than the Annual Communication in 1996. The general revision was adopted effective August 1, 1995.

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CONSTITUTION

of

THE GRAND LODGE

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina is an absolute sovereign Masonic body with inherent power to form a Constitution as its fundamental law and to enact laws for its own government and that of its subordinate lodges, subject to the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry, THEREFORE, the Grand Lodge does hereby ordain, establish, and promulgate this CONSTITUTION, and every Mason within this Grand Jurisdiction is obligated to obey and to conform to the provisions thereof and the laws enacted pursuant thereto.

I. DECLARATION CONCERNING GOD AND RELIGION:

The Grand Lodge acknowledges belief in God to be the great fundamental principle and landmark of Freemasonry upon which our Fraternity is erected. Without an avowal of such belief, no man shall be initiated in a lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and if a Freemason shall renounce or forsake his belief in God, or if he does not continue to entertain such belief, he shall not remain a member of any lodge. A Mason is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine; but though in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation, whatever it was, yet it is now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves, that is, to be good men and true, or men of honor and honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished, whereby Masonry becomes the center of union and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

II. DECLARATION CONCERNING THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME AND SUBORDINATE:

A Mason is a peaceable subject to the civil powers, wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the Nation nor to behave himself undutifully.

III. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES:

Pursuant to the settled policy of this Grand Lodge to define and reaffirm, from time to time, certain of the fundamental principles and rules of conduct governing the practice of Freemasonry in this Masonic jurisdiction, it is declared that:

1. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina is a sovereign and independent body practicing Freemasonry only within the three degrees commonly known amongst the Craft as the degrees of Symbolic Masonry, and only within the limits defined in its Constitution, and in the exercise of its sovereign

power, this Grand Lodge further declares that it does not recognize or admit the existence of any superior Masonic authority, anywhere in the world, however styled.

2. Freemasonry is a charitable society in that it is not organized for profit and none of its income inures to the benefit of any individual, but all is devoted to the promotion of the welfare and happiness of mankind.
3. It is benevolent in that it teaches and exemplifies altruism as a duty.
4. It is educational in that it teaches by prescribed ceremonials a system of morality and brotherhood based upon the Sacred Law.
5. It is religious in that it teaches monotheism, the Holy Bible is open upon its altars whenever a lodge is in session, reverence for God is ever present in its ceremonial, and to its brethren are constantly addressed lessons of morality; yet it is not sectarian or theological.
6. It is a social organization only so far as it furnishes additional inducement for men to foregather in numbers; more material is thereby provided for its primary work of education, of worship, and of charity.
7. Through improvement and strengthening of the character of the individual man, Freemasonry seeks to improve the community. Thus it impresses upon its members the principles of personal righteousness and personal responsibility, enlightens them as to those things which make for human welfare, and inspires them with that feeling of charity, or good will, toward all mankind which will move them to translate principle and conviction into action.
8. To that end, it teaches and stands for the worship of God; for truth and justice; for fraternity and philanthropy; and for enlightenment and orderly liberty, civil, religious, and intellectual. It charges each of its members to be true and loyal to the government of the country to which he owes allegiance, and to be obedient to the laws of any state in which he may be.
9. It believes that the attainment of these objectives is best accomplished by laying a broad basis of principle upon which men of various opinions may unite.
10. Consistently throughout the two centuries of Freemasonry in the United States, its members have exercised their inherent and absolute right of freedom of thought and action in all matters religious and civil, but solely as individuals and never as Masons. No member or officer of whatever grade has the right to speak or act for, or in the name of, or on behalf of Freemasonry except as to matters definitely Masonic. Believing and practicing these things, this Grand Lodge affirms its continued adherence to those ancient and approved rules of Freemasonry which forbid the discussion in Masonic lodges or meetings of creeds, politics, or other topics likely to excite personal animosities or personal differences.

CHAPTER 1

The Grand Lodge, Name, Style, Title, and Jurisdiction

SEC. 1-1 CORPORATE NAME. The corporate name of this Grand Body is THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA. [Appendix: Civil Charter of The Grand Lodge].

1. This Grand Lodge shall be styled THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NORTH CAROLINA.
2. The proper initials are A. F. & A. M.
3. The honorary title is THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA which shall be used in the ceremonies of opening and closing, in the title of reports, and in the labors of the Grand Lodge. [27-7.2; 36-10.5; 37-1.2; 37-1.9; 37-1.11; 37-1.12; 37-1.13; 37-1.14; 37-1.18; 37-2.5].

SEC. 1-2 OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION. The officers of the corporation shall be as follows:

1. The Grand Master shall be the President.
2. The Grand Secretary shall be the Secretary.
3. The Grand Treasurer shall be the Treasurer.

SEC. 1-3 NO DIRECTORS. There shall be no directors: its corporate business shall be conducted at its communications as provided in THE CODE. [18].

SEC. 1-4 TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION. The territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall embrace the entire State of North Carolina.

CHAPTER 2

Powers and Authority of the Grand Lodge

SEC. 2-1 SUPREME MASONIC POWER. The Grand Lodge is the *supreme Masonic* power and authority in the state of North Carolina. It is the only legitimate authority under which Masonic lodges can lawfully be congregated within its jurisdiction, and then only by virtue of a dispensation or a charter granted by it. It has all the attributes of sovereignty and government in matters Masonic, legislative executive, and judicial—limited only by provisions of its own Constitution and Regulations and by a careful adherence to the Ancient Landmarks. [4-1; 8-4; 8-5; 13-3.4; 4].

SEC. 2-2 SOVEREIGNTY OF THE GRAND LODGE. The sovereignty of the Grand Lodge touching upon all Masonic matters within, but not outside of, its territorial boundary is full and complete and any of its subordinate lodges has the right to receive the petition of any profane for the degrees or the application of any nonaffiliated Mason for affiliation who possess the physical, mental, moral, and residential qualifications that may be required by the Constitution, Regulations, and Laws of the Grand Lodge. No other grand lodge shall have or exercise any rights within the territorial jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2-3 OTHER GRAND LODGES. This Grand Lodge concedes the same rights and powers to all other grand lodges within their respective jurisdictions.

SEC. 2-4 DEGREES. By virtue of its sovereign and undelegated authority, this Grand Lodge is the creator of its subordinate lodges and is the repository of final and unimpeachable Masonic authority within all of its jurisdiction and is therefore, the absolute, exclusive, and indisputable owner and controller of the whole system of creed and symbolism of the degrees of Entered Apprentice Fellow Craft, and Master Mason. From this exclusive proprietorship all authority possessed by subordinate lodges or individuals in this state to assemble or to act in the capacity of Masons and in the name of Masonry is derived. Whatever superstructure is erected upon Symbolic Masonry in North Carolina stands upon the foundation, the groundwork, laid by the Grand Lodge. [4-2; 38-2; 43-1.3].

SEC. 2-5 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. Any organization, association, or person within this state professing to have any authority, powers or privileges in Ancient Craft or Symbolic Masonry not derived from the Grand Lodge is declared to be clandestine, and all masonic intercourse with or masonic recognition of them or any of them, is prohibited. [2-6.9; 87-1; 87-3].

SEC. 2-6 POWER OF THE GRAND LODGE. The Grand Lodge has power to do whatsoever may be considered necessary to the well-being and perpetuity of Masonry, subject to the Landmarks and the provisions contained in its own Constitution and Laws, but particularly:

1. To grant dispensations and charters for holding lodges of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, with the right to confer therein the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason; and when deemed expedient and for good cause, it may arrest, suspend, annul, revoke, or

amend such dispensations or charters or any preexisting dispensations or charters. [38; 39; 40;].

2. To exercise original and exclusive jurisdiction (1) over all subjects of Masonic legislation, interpretation, practice, and administration; (2) appellate, judicial, and administrative jurisdiction regarding decisions of the Grand Master, Masters, and Trial Commissions, and decisions and acts of lodges; (3) and when expedient, to exercise original judicial jurisdiction over its own officers and members, Masters, and Master Masons, Fellow Crafts, and Entered Apprentices within its jurisdiction. That is to say, the enactments and decisions of the Grand Lodge upon all matters, things, and questions Masonic shall be the supreme Masonic law of the jurisdiction. [8-4; 8-5].
3. To define the territorial jurisdiction of each lodge, to change the same from time to time, to settle all controversies that may arise between lodges, and to make final decision and determination of all matters of controversy or grievances which may be brought before it by appeal or otherwise. [98].
4. To make and adopt general and special laws and regulations for the government of its officers and members, and of the several subordinate lodges, their officers and members, and to alter, amend, or repeal the same. [44].
5. To supervise the state and condition of its own finances and to adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be deemed necessary. [34-3.2; 34-5.2].
6. To reprimand, suspend, or expel any member from its own body for violation of its Constitution, Regulations or Laws, or for any unmasonic conduct; and it may reprimand, suspend, or expel any accused Mason upon appeal or restore one who has been suspended or expelled. [90-5; 90-7; 98-2.1; 98-10.5].
7. To consider and review the reports and doings of its officers, members of its committees, commissions, and boards, and of the several lodges under its jurisdiction and to take such action thereon as it may deem proper. [27-7.2].
8. To establish, maintain, and enforce a uniform mode of work and lectures. [24].
9. To declare by ordinary resolution which bodies in this jurisdiction acting in the name of Masonry are legitimate; and the moment an *independent rite or organization* begins to operate in the name of Masonry and is built mediately or immediately upon the system of either or all of the three Symbolic degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, the Grand Lodge has the right to pronounce judgment upon its legitimacy and to authorize or interdict Masonic intercourse therewith. No recognition will be presumed because the Grand Lodge has not expressly taken affirmative action in recognition or non-recognition thereof. [2-5; 13-4.6; 13-4.7; 87-1; 87-3; 86-2.3.B; 6].
10. This Grand Lodge does not recognize as Masonic any body or organization merely because such body or organization is recognized by a body, rite, or organization which is recognized by the Grand Lodge. [Chapter 6].
11. Neither this Grand Lodge nor any of its subordinate lodges, nor any officer of either in his capacity as such officer, shall at any time act or serve as administrator, executor, guardian, trustee, or in any fiduciary capacity, *except* as expressly provided by the law of the Grand Lodge. [43-3.18; 60-5; Chapter 60].
12. The powers expressed in this section, whether general or special, shall not

limit or control any power or function so expressed, but each clause shall be construed in furtherance, and not in limitation, of powers anciently or otherwise exercised.

SEC. 2-7 JUDICIAL POWERS OF THE GRAND LODGE. The judicial powers of the Grand Lodge may be exercised by it, or may be delegated, such powers are both original and appellate, embracing all matters of controversy and discipline in matters Masonic. [Chapter 8; Chapter 90].

1. All trials of charges preferred and appeals taken in pursuance of the provisions of this Constitution shall be conducted in accordance with THE CODE of the Grand Lodge. [The Trial Code].
2. The rule that a penal statute, or one in derogation of the common law, is strictly construed does not apply to THE CODE or to the Trial Code, or to any of the provisions of either, but all such provisions must be construed according to the fair import of their terms to promote justice and effect their objects. [90-2; 94-11].

CHAPTER 3

Membership of the Grand Lodge

SEC. 3-1 MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE. The membership of the Grand Lodge shall consist of:

1. Its present and past elective officers. [Chapter 11].
2. Its present appointive officers. [Chapter 11].
3. The Masters and Wardens of its chartered and constituted subordinate lodges, for the time being, or their legally appointed proxies. [19-3; 59-2.44; 59-9.2; 59-10.3].
4. Its mandatory elective and appointive boards, committees, and commissions, for the time being, including members of boards of directors named or elected by it. [Chapter 27]
5. The District Deputy Grand Masters of the several Masonic dis- tricts. [11-4.3; 11-4; 26].
6. The District Deputy Grand Lecturers of the several Masonic Districts. [29-9].

SEC. 3-2 QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMINATION. Each officer and member of the Grand Lodge and each member of its boards, commissions, or committees must be, and remain, a member of a subordinate lodge under its jurisdiction, and the termination of such membership shall, terminate his office or his membership in the Grand Lodge. He shall have such other qualifications as may be prescribed by law. [11-5.1; 27-6].

1. A change of membership from one lodge to another within this jurisdiction shall not terminate office or membership within the meaning of this section.
2. Renewal of membership in a subordinate lodge within this jurisdiction, within three months termination, shall restore any officer or member whose office or membership in the Grand Lodge may have been lost by cessation of membership in a subordinate lodge.
3. In other cases the Grand Lodge by suitable resolution may restore such officer or member, provided membership in a subordinate lodge has been restored.

SEC. 3-3 PROXIES. No member of the Grand Lodge shall be represented therein by proxy except Masters and Wardens of subordinate lodges.

1. A proxy must be a member of the same lodge as his principal. [43-2.12; 59-2.44; 59-9.2; 59-10.3].
2. No installed elective or appointive officer of the Grand Lodge shall be a Master, or a Warden, or a representative of a subordinate lodge or a proxy for any Master or Warden. [11-5.2; 11-6; 11-10.4.A; 19-3.2; 57-8].

SEC. 3-4 CHARTERED LODGE REPRESENTATIVES. Each chartered lodge shall be entitled to three representatives in the Grand Lodge; these shall be the Master, the Senior Warden, and the Junior Warden of the lodge, and if any one of them is unable to attend the Grand Lodge, he may give his proxy in writing to a member of his lodge. [18-7; 19-3; 34-13.1; 34-13.3; 43-2.12; 59-2.44; 59-9.2; 59-10.3].

SEC. 3-5 LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION. Each lodge under dispensation shall be entitled to three delegates to the Grand Lodge, these shall be the Master, the Senior Warden, and the Junior Warden, and may participate in the deliberations of the Grand Lodge but shall not vote or appoint proxies. [39-11].

CHAPTER 4

Subordinate Lodges

SEC. 4-1 MUST HOLD A CHARTER. Every subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction must be held by virtue of a charter from the Grand Lodge or a dispensation issued by authority of its law; and a chartered lodge shall not proceed to work until it shall have been regularly constituted and its officers installed. [2-1; 13-3.4; 13-3.7; 38-2; 38-3.1; 39-6.3; 39-12; 39-13; 58-1].

SEC. 4-2 SUBORDINATE LODGES POWERS. Subordinate lodges, whether under dispensation or chartered, shall have such powers, and only such powers, as are conferred upon them by the Constitution, Regulations, laws, edicts, and decisions of the Grand Lodge. [2-4; 43-1.3; 43-2; 43].

SEC. 4-3 CONFER THE DEGREES. Subordinate lodges, and not the Grand Lodge, shall confer the degrees. they are authorized to confer the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason only. The degrees shall be conferred only in the order named. [71-2; 71].

SEC. 4-4 RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Grand Lodge shall prescribe rules and regulations for the organization and government of subordinate lodges. [5-1.1; 5-1.4].

SEC. 4-5 LODGE PRECEDENCE. Lodges shall take precedence according to the dates of their respective charters.

SEC. 4-6 INCORPORATED SUBORDINATE LODGE. No subordinate lodge of the Grand Lodge shall hereafter incorporate under the civil law unless its petitions for such incorporation, together with copies of the proposed charter and by-laws, is filed with the Grand Secretary and is first considered and reported on by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and is thereafter approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at an annual communication of the Grand Lodge such incorporation of a subordinate lodge shall not in any manner affect, change, or modify its relation with the Grand Lodge. A subordinate lodge, although incorporated prior to the adoption of this CODE, is in all respects subject to the laws of the Grand Lodge notwithstanding its incorporation. [49-5; 43-8.1.D, 43-8.1.E; 60-10].

SEC. 4-7 MEMBERS HAVE NO PROPERTY INTEREST. No member of a subordinate lodge shall have any property interest either in his membership in the lodge or in any property which the lodge has acquired or may acquire that can be enforced in law whether or not the lodge has been incorporated under the civil law prior to the adoption of this CODE. [52-7; Preamble III (2)].

SEC. 4-8 DEBTS. The Grand Lodge is in no manner whatever responsible for the debts and obligations of its subordinate lodges, but it may provide that available assets of a subordinate lodge shall be applied to the payments of such debts and obligations. [49-8].

CHAPTER 5

Revenue

SEC. 5-1 GRAND LODGE. The Grand Lodge may, by duly enacted law, provide for its support as follows:

1. By assessment upon and collection of annual dues from its subordinate lodges, based upon the membership therein; such assessments shall always be equal, uniform, and on a *per capita* basis of its several lodges. [4-4; 20-1; 47-7.3; 20-1.1].
2. By fees for dispensation to form new lodges.
3. By fees for charters to perpetuate lodges. [40-5; 41-7].
4. By fees for degrees and admission to membership. [4-4; 20-1].
5. By fees for dispensations for any purpose. [5-1.8].
6. By fees for certificates, diplomas, and other documents issued under its authority. [16-1.27; 5-1.8].
7. No assessment shall be made upon the membership of its subordinate lodges except for annual dues as hereinbefore provided in Subdivision 1. [20-1].
8. Fees for the services of any of its officers. [5-1.5; 5-1.6].
9. Any sum, in the excess of the liabilities, realized from the property of defunct subordinate lodges. [49-7.8].
10. Income from any property or money given, devised, or belonging to the Grand Lodge.
11. Any and all sums of money or property whatsoever of which the Grand Lodge may become lawfully possessed.

SEC. 5-2 SUBORDINATE LODGES. The Grand Lodge may by duly enacted law provide for the support of its subordinate lodges as follows:

1. By fixing the minimum fees for the degrees and for admission to membership. [64-1; 64].
2. By requiring each subordinate lodge to collect from its members annual dues; and to that end, the minimum amount may be prescribed. [77-1].

SEC. 5-3 ACCOUNTS WITH SUBORDINATE LODGE. The Grand Lodge financial accounts with its subordinate lodges shall commence each year on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December. [21-1; 47-1].

SEC. 5-4 GENERAL FUND. The general fund shall consist of all moneys paid into the Grand Lodge except those belonging to, or specifically designated for, some other fund. [Chapter 20].

SEC. 5-5 CHARITY FUND. The charity fund shall consist of all moneys received for such fund together with all other moneys or property set aside or appropriated for charitable purposes by the Grand Lodge, or given to it directly or indirectly for general charitable purposes.

SEC. 5-6 ALL FUNDS SUBJECT TO GRAND LODGE. All funds that may be separately established by the Grand Lodge shall be separately accounted for by the officer or agency to whom they are entrusted and shall always be subject to such orders and directions as the Grand Lodge may deem proper to issue. [Chapter 20].

REG. 5-7 PERMANENT FUND. The Permanent Fund shall consist of such moneys, securities, and other property as the Grand Lodge may designate from time to time, or as may be designated thereto by gift or a devise or bequest.

1. An appropriation from the Permanent Fund shall be made only by a two-thirds affirmative written vote of the Grand Lodge at an annual communication on a resolution setting forth in detail the object and precise amount of the proposed appropriation.
2. The resolution shall be referred to the Committee on Finance and shall not be acted upon until at least the day after it has been introduced, read, and referred as herein set forth. [19-1.1.D; 28-3.1; 36-7].

CHAPTER 6

Fraternal Recognition and Appendant Organizations

SEC. 6-1 RECOGNITION OF GRAND LODGE. Fraternal recognition may be extended to another grand lodge when it appears to the satisfaction of this Grand Lodge, a committee having first considered and reported thereon:

1. That such grand body has been formed lawfully by at least three just and duly constituted lodges, or that it has been legalized by a valid act issuing from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, or from a grand body in fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge.
2. That it is an independent, self-governing, responsible organization with entire, undisputed, and exclusive dogmatic and administrative authority over the Symbolic Lodges within its jurisdiction, and not in any sense whatever subject to, or dividing such authority with, a supreme council or other body claiming ritualistic or other supervision or control.
3. That it makes Masons of men only.
4. That it requires conformity to the following which the Grand Lodge of North Carolina considers necessary in a Masonic Body:
   A. Acknowledgement of a belief in God, the Father of all men.
   B. Secrecy.
   C. The symbolism of operative Masonry.
   D. The division of Symbolic Masonry into the three degrees practiced in North Carolina.
   E. The legend of the Third Degree.
5. That its dominant purposes are charitable, benevolent, educational, and for the worship of God, and that it excludes controversial politics and sectarian religion from all activities under its auspices.
6. That the Sacred Book of the Divine Law, chief among the Three Great Lights of Masonry, is indispensably present in the lodges while at work.
7. That it occupies its territorial jurisdiction exclusively, or else shares the same with another by mutual consent, and that it does not presume to extend its authority into, or presume to establish lodges in, a territory occupied by a lawful grand lodge without the expressed assent of such supreme governing Masonic body.
8. That it was not formed in occupied territory against the wishes of a recognized grand lodge in that territory, and that it does not warrant lodges in territory occupied by a regular recognized grand lodge against the wishes of that grand lodge.

SEC. 6-2 APPENDANT ORGANIZATIONS. The Grand Lodge, while acknowledging no degrees of Masonry except those conferred under its authority or under the authority of a Grand Lodge or a Grand Orient which has been, or may hereafter be, recognized by it as a regular and legitimate Masonic organization, nevertheless, recognizes the following named organizations or bodies to be Masonic: [2-6.9; 2-6.10].

1. The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, and the Royal Arch Chapters under their jurisdiction.
2. The General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in North

Carolina, and the Councils of Royal and Select Masters under their Jurisdiction.

3. The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, the Grand Commandry of Knights Templar of the State of North Carolina, and the Commandries of Knights Templar under their Jurisdiction.
4. The Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General Knights Commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and the various bodies under its jurisdiction.
5. The Supreme Council, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and the various bodies under its jurisdiction.
6. The recognition of any rite, body, or organization named in this section shall not be prejudicial to the rights of any other legitimate Masonic organization.

CHAPTER 7

Laws of the Grand Lodge

SEC. 7-1 CITATION OF THE CODE. The Constitution, Regulations, and Trial Code as compiled, adopted, and published shall be divided into chapters, sections, and regulations. For purposes of reference and citation they shall be known as THE CODE, adding the chapter, section, regulation, or subdivision thereof as may be necessary, for convenience the Trial Code may be cited as The Trial Code, adding such chapter, regulation, or subdivision as may be necessary. The Trial Code begins with Chapter 98 and may be published as a separate document.

SEC. 7-2 RECOMMENDATIONS. Recommendations or proposed change in the law by the Grand Master in his address, or recommendations or proposed change in the law by any board, commission, or committee in its report, although concurred in by the Grand Lodge, shall not be of force or effect as laws by reason of such action.

1. Before any part of any recommendation or report or proposed change in the law shall have the force and effect of law, the same must be presented as an amendment to this Code and enacted pursuant to its provisions.
2. This section shall not apply to a report by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. [13-2.5; Chapter 10].

SEC. 7-3 ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS. An edict, decree, or order of the Grand Master, or a resolution of the Grand Lodge is effective immediately, but only so far as it conforms to existing laws and Grand Lodge interpretations of such laws. It shall remain in effect until rescinded or overruled or until a modification of the law renders it inoperative. [13-2.2].

SEC. 7-4 LAWS OF THIS GRAND JURISDICTION. The laws of this Grand Jurisdiction are:

1. The *written* law is to be found in THE CODE and in subsequent enactments of the Grand Lodge together with such previous Constitutions, Regulations, laws, and enactments of the Grand Lodge as are not inconsistent with the provisions of THE CODE and which have not been expressly repealed. [10-1.6; 10-1.7].
2. The unwritten law, consisting of the time-honored customs and usages of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of general recognition which are not repugnant to the written law.
3. The foundation of Masonic Jurisprudence is the common law of Freemasonry which is to be learned from the ancient usages of the Craft as developed and interpreted from and since the year 1721.

SEC. 7-5 OPERATION OF LAW NOT SUSPENDED. Neither the Grand Lodge nor the Grand Master can suspend the operation of a legally enacted law unless by law expressly authorized. The law can be rendered inoperative only by formal repeal. [13-1; 13-4.12; 77-5.4].

CHAPTER 8

Interpretations of Law

SEC. 8-1 SECTION AND REGULATION HEADINGS. The Section and Regulation headings included in THE CODE begining with the 1995 General Revision shall not be construed or interpreted as substantive law.

SEC. 8-2 LAW EXPOUNDED. The law of the Grand Lodge shall be expounded by the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master, or the Master of a lodge to take precedence in the order named. [13-2.2; 59-2.2].

REG. 8-3 APPEALS. In every case in which an appeal from any act or order is authorized by THE CODE, such appeal shall be in writing signed by the appellant.

1. The appeal shall give in detail,
   A. The facts and circumstances on which the act or order appealed from was based,
   B. The facts and circumstances on which the appeal is founded, and
   C. The reason for the modification or reversal applied for should be granted.
2. The appeal shall be filed with the Grand Master, if the appeal is directed to him.
3. The appeal shall be filed with the Grand Secretary, if the appeal is addressed to the Grand Lodge.
4. Where an appeal to both the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge is authorized, it may be taken directly to the Grand Lodge. [34-7.1; 41-11; 43-9; 43-10; 59-4; 59-5; 59-5.4; 59-2.29; 45-23.20].
5. This regulation shall not apply to appeals in connection with trials as provided in the Trial Code. [13-3.2; 16-1.13; 34-2; 43-9; 43-10; 59-5; 98-1; 101-7].

SEC. 8-4 JUDICIAL DECISIONS. The decisions of the Grand Lodge upon the reports of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence or the Committee on Appeals touching the legal questions involved are judicial in nature and are to be considered as correct interpretations of existing laws. Such action by the Grand Lodge must in no sense be considered as legislative or the making of law. [2-1; 2-6.2; 2-7].

SEC. 8-5 JUDICIAL DETERMINATION. Any member of the Grand Lodge may invoke its judicial determination upon a question of law as applicable to a given state of facts in the following manner:

1. The member shall present to the Grand Lodge a statement of the facts in writing and set forth the legal question which he claims is involved.
2. The Grand Lodge, if it entertains the statement, shall refer it to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence which shall report thereon.
3. The action of the Grand Lodge on such report shall be deemed a judicial interpretation of the law bearing on such a case. [2-1; 2-6.2; 2-7].

SEC. 8-6 DECISIONS AND OPINIONS. Decisions and opinions of the Grand Master:

1. A *decision* must arise on a controverted point or question to which there are parties having conflicting interests, with the right to seek a review in the Grand Lodge. [59-5].
2. The action of the Grand Lodge on a *decision*, on the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence shall be deemed a correct interpretation of the law governing the case decided. [8-4]
3. Other rulings of the Grand Master are *opinions*.
   A. The Master of a lodge, any Grand Lodge officer, District Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Lecturer, or any member of any Grand Lodge board, committee, or commission may inquire of the Grand Master as to the law in a particular case, and an opinion of the Grand Master in reply thereto is *official*. [13-2.2; 13-2.5; 13-3.2].
   B. Answers by the Grand Master to letters from other members in which he gives his opinion as to law or fact are *unofficial*. [13-2.2; 13-2.5; 13-4.2].
4. Decisions and official opinions govern the particular cases in which they are rendered until set aside by the Grand Lodge. [13-2.2; 13-2.5; 34-1.2]
5. Opinions, if *official* and approved by the Grand Lodge, have the effect of an approval of the act of the Grand Master in the particular instance, but are not binding as correct expressions of either written or unwritten law. They are of value only as opinions formed upon *ex parte* statements, without issues submitted in proceedings requiring judicial determination. *Unofficial* opinions do not control or govern either the lodge or the individual Mason. [13-2.2; 13-2.5].

CHAPTER 9

Regulations and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge

SEC. 9-1 SCOPE. Regulations, by-laws, resolutions, edicts, and forms may be adopted by the Grand Lodge to enforce the provisions of this Constitution, to define the rights, powers, and duties of officers, boards, commissions, committees, and its subordinate lodges and their officers and members in all their workings, and to regulate any and all matters which to the Grand Lodge may seem pertinent.

SEC. 9-2 UNIFORM BY-LAWS. The Grand Lodge, if it deems proper, may prescribe from time to time a uniform system or code of by-laws for its subordinate lodges, except as to the day, hour, and building or hall for their stated communications, and the maximum amount to be charged as fees for the degrees, for affiliation, and for annual dues, and may require all lodges to use the same and no other. [Chapter 44].

SEC. 9-3 AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION. No regulation, resolution, or edict shall repeal, change, or modify or conflict with any section, subdivision, or part of this Constitution except such resolution as may be required to carry out the provisions of Chapter 10.

CHAPTER 10

Amendments to the Constitution

SEC. 10-1 MANNER OF AMENDMENT. Except when a general revision of THE CODE is ordered by the Grand Lodge, as provided in Section 10-2, or any part of this Constitution or any of the Regulations can be amended, repealed, revised or altered in the following manner:

1. A proposal to alter, amend, revise or repeal any part of the constitution, or any regulation, article, section, or subdivision, or any part of THE CODE, must be submitted to the Grand Lodge not later than noon of the second day of any annual communication, and the proposal shall take the course provided in this section.
   A. Such proposal shall be in writing, setting forth expressly, or clearly identifying, the matter intended to be affected, and in such form as to express the law as intended and it must be submitted either as a substitute, alteration, amendment, revision or repeal of the chapter regulation, article, section or subdivision of THE CODE which it is intended to affect, or as an addition thereto.
   B. Such proposal may be numbered or lettered as an additional chapter, regulation, article, section or subdivision of THE CODE.
2. Any such proposal shall be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence which shall report thereon, with its recommendations, at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.
   A. By unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge, action on any such proposal may be taken at the same annual communication at which it is presented.
   B. The Grand Lodge shall not act, unanimously or otherwise, on any proposal at the same session of the annual communication at which it is received, if it is received later than noon of the second day of such annual communication at which it is received.
3. If the proposal is not acted upon by unanimous consent as provided in Section 10-1.2.A, it shall be published in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge under the caption, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE, and within six months prior to the next annual communication the Grand Secretary shall prepare and mail two copies of any such proposal to each subordinate lodge and one copy to each officer and member of the Grand Lodge.
4. If upon the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, such proposal shall receive not less than two-thirds of the votes cast, the proposal shall be declared adopted; but it shall not take effect until low twelve, Eastern Standard Time, on July thirty-first following its adoption, unless otherwise provided by the Grand Lodge at the time of its adoption.
5. When an amendment to this Constitution or Regulation is under consideration, it may be amended if the proposed amendment is germane to the subject.
6. When this Constitution or Regulations becomes effective, all previous Constitutions, Regulations and enactments of this Grand Lodge which are inconsistent herewith are repealed but those on which it is silent, or those referring to matters not provided for by it, remain in force as provided in Section 7-4.1.

7. The repeal of existing laws shall not affect any act done, right accrued, offense committed, or proceedings commenced prior to the time when such repeal takes effect.

SEC. 10-2 GENERAL REVISION. The Grand Lodge at an annual communication, by a three fourths vote, may order the selection of a committee of one or more, or may order the Code Commission, to revise or draft a new Constitution or a new CODE to be acted upon at a subsequent annual communication as provided for in the order.

1. The report proposing a repeal, or a revision of, or amendments to THE CODE made pursuant to the foregoing paragraph shall be in writing and at least two copies mailed to each subordinate lodge and one copy mailed to each officer and member of the Grand Lodge not less than six lunar months prior to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge. It shall be presented at the first session of that annual communication and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence for its recommendation; and upon a report of that committee, the Grand Lodge may consider and act upon such proposals or any of them in any manner it deems proper and without the necessity of the proposal lying over. Section 10-1.1, 10-1.1.A, 10-1.1.B, 10-1.2, 10-1.4, 10-1.5, 10-1.6, 10-1.7 shall also apply. This subdivision shall be effective only in connection with the paragraph immediately foregoing.

SEC. 10-3 CONSTITUTION. The Constitution embraces all matters set out in Chapter 1 through 10 inclusive of THE CODE which is referred to by word SECTION or the abbreviation SEC. except where used in the Uniform Code of By-Laws in Chapter 50. Any regulation in THE CODE, or any other enactment, or act, which conflicts with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge is void to the extent of such conflict.

SEC. 10-4 REGULATIONS. The Regulations embrace all matter set out in THE CODE which is referred to by the word *REGULATION* or the abbreviation *REG.*

SEC. 10-5 EFFECTIVE ON ADOPTION. This Constitution shall become effective on its adoption by the Grand Lodge. [7-2; 9-3, 9-3].

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CHAPTER 11

Grand Officers Rank, Designation, Title, Qualifications, Term and Succession of Office

REG. 11-1 OFFICERS. The elective and appointive officers of the Grand Lodge, their ranks, designations, and titles shall be as follows:

1. The elective grand officers, each of whom shall be installed in his own proper person and not by proxy, shall be as follows: [12-6; 12-9].

RANK	DESIGNATION	TITLE
1.	Grand Master	Most Worshipful
2.	Deputy Grand Master	Right Worshipful
3.	Senior Grand Warden	Right Worshipful
4.	Junior Grand Warden	Right Worshipful
5.	Grand Treasurer	Right Worshipful
6.	Grand Secretary	Right Worshipful

2. The appointive grand officers who shall be installed either in person or by proxy are as follows: [12-6; 17-1; 17-2; 17-4].

1.	Senior Grand Deacon	Worshipful
2.	Junior Grand Deacon	Worshipful
3.	Grand Marshal	Worshipful
4.	Two Grand Stewards	Worshipful
5.	Grand Tyler	Worshipful

3. The appointive grand officers who shall not be installed are as follows: [17-5; 17-6; 17-7; 17-8; 17-9.1].

1.	Grand Chaplain	Worshipful
2.	Grand Historian	Worshipful
3.	Grand Lecturer	Worshipful
4.	Grand Orator	Worshipful
5.	Judge Advocate	Worshipful

REG. 11-2 DUAL OFFICE HOLDING PROHIBITED. No brother shall hold more than one Grand Lodge office named in Regulation 11-1 at the same time. [11-11].

REG. 11-3 PAST GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS. A past grand elective officer, regardless of residence, so long as he remains a member in good standing in a subordinate lodge under this Grand Jurisdiction, shall retain the title of such elective office which he held in this Grand Lodge a full term. [3-1].

REG. 11-4 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS. District Deputy Grand Masters are not *officers* of the Grand Lodge and need not be installed. They are the personal representatives of the Grand Master in their respective districts.

1. Their title is *Worshipful*, due to the fact that they shall be Masters or Past Masters to qualify.

2. The honorary title of *Past District Deputy Grand Master* may be granted by the Grand Lodge by a majority affirmative vote upon proposal by the Grand Master, to a District Deputy Grand Master who shall have heretofore or hereafter completed three appointments as a District Deputy Grand Master. This title cannot be voted on a District Deputy Grand Master still serving an appointment. [3-1.5; 26].
3. No brother shall be a District Deputy Grand Master and at the same time be a Grand Lodge officer named in Regulation 11-1. [3-1.5; 26-2.1, 26-2.2].

REG. 11-5 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS. In addition to other qualifications imposed in THE CODE an officer of the Grand Lodge shall have the following general qualifications.

1. Each officer of the Grand Lodge shall have and maintain membership in a subordinate lodge under its jurisdiction as provided for in Section 3-2.
2. No brother shall be eligible for the offices of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or a Grand Warden, who is not a Past Master of a subordinate lodge. [3-3.2; 12-1; 57-8].
3. A brother shall be a resident of North Carolina to be eligible for office in the Grand Lodge, and should he move his residence out of the state his office shall be vacant. [12-1; 12-4].
4 Each Grand Lodge officer shall wear the jewel and apron of his respective office, to be properly clothed. [89-9.8].

REG. 11-6 PAST ELECTIVE OFFICERS. A past grand elective officer who is not an active Grand Lodge officer may hold office in a subordinate lodge, and this shall not in any way interfere with his rights as a past grand elective officer of the Grand Lodge. [3-3.2; 11-10.4.A; 53-2].

REG. 11-7 TERM OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS. All elective grand officers shall hold office until the next annual communication or until their successors are elected and installed. [13-2.10; 58-1].

REG. 11-8 TERM OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS. All appointive grand officers shall hold office during the will and pleasure of the Grand Master appointing them or until their successors are appointed and installed unless otherwise provided. [13-2.10; 17-9.1; 58-1]

REG. 11-9 RESIGNATION OF GRAND OFFICER. A grand officer may resign by placing his written resignation in the hands of the Grand Master, or if it be the Grand Master who resigns then by his filing his written resignation with the Grand Secretary who shall immediately forward it to the successor in office of the Grand Master. Any vacancy thus created shall be filled as provided by law.

REG. 11-10 GRAND MASTER'S DISABILITY. The office of Grand Master is never vacant.

1. In case of the death, absence from the jurisdiction, disability or refusal to serve of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall fill the office of

the Grand Master as *Acting Grand Master*. [Chapter 14].

2. In case of the death, absence from the jurisdiction, disability or refusal to serve of the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden shall fill the office of the Grand Master as *Acting Grand Master*. [37-1; Chapter 14].
3. In case of the death, absence from the jurisdiction, disability or refusal to serve of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Senior Grand Warden, the Junior Grand Warden shall fill the office of the Grand Master as *Acting Grand Master*. [Chapter 14].
4. In case of the death, absence from the jurisdiction, disability, or refusal to serve of the four principal officers of the Grand Lodge, a Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge who is then a resident of this jurisdiction, youngest in term of service and willing to serve, shall fill the office of the Grand Master as *Acting Grand Master*. [12-6].
   A. In the event such Past Grand Master is, at the time an installed officer of a subordinate lodge, such office in the lodge shall be made vacant automatically by his acceptance of the duties under this regulation as *Acting Grand Master*.
   B. His acceptance shall be considered equivalent to a resignation, and the vacancy in the office of the lodge shall be filled as provided by law. [3-3.2; 11-5.2; 11-6; 12-6; 57-8].
5. In case of the death, absence from the jurisdiction, disability, or refusal to serve of the four principal officers of the Grand Lodge, and all resident Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge, the Master of the oldest subordinate lodge present shall preside as *Acting Grand Master* at any communication of the Grand Lodge. [11-12; Chapter 37].

REG. 11-11 GRAND MASTER FILLS VACANCIES. All vacancies in office, boards, commissions, or committees where not otherwise provided for, shall be filled by appointment by the Grand Master until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge. [13-2.6; 13-2.7; 27-2; Chapter 34].

REG. 11-12 DISABILITY AND ABSENCE. The grand officer is *absent* so as to justify his successor in acting for him when he is not present at a communication of the Grand Lodge also when he is absent from the state, and he is *disabled* when he is unable physically, mentally, or otherwise to do official acts when necessity therefor arises. The Board of General Purposes shall determine when any officer of the Grand Lodge is *disabled* under THE CODE.

CHAPTER 12

Election and Installation of Grand Officers

REG. 12-1 MANNER OF ELECTION. At each annual communication of the Grand Lodge there shall be elected without nomination a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, a Grand Treasurer, and a Grand Secretary by written ballot. [11-5.2; 11-5.3; Chapter 19].

REG. 12-2 NO ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION. The Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master must each receive two-thirds of the votes cast, the remaining elective officers must receive a majority of the votes cast, the Grand Lodge shall not elect by acclamation. [Chapter 19].

REG. 12-3 TIME OF ELECTION. Election of Grand Lodge officers shall commence at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of the second day of each annual communication unless some other hour shall be fixed by vote of two-thirds of the members present. [Chapter 19].

REG. 12-4 APPOINTED OFFICERS. All appointive grand officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master-elect. [11-5.2; 11-5.3; 13-2.6].

REG. 12-5 ASSISTANTS. The Grand Secretary may appoint an Assistant to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Treasurer may appoint an Assistant to the Grand Treasurer. Any such appointment being subject to the approval of the Grand Master, but neither of such Assistants shall become an officer or a member of the Grand Lodge by virtue of such appointment, therefore he shall not be installed. [15-1.13; 16-1.38].

REG. 12-6 INSTALLATION ESSENTIAL. The grand officers shall be installed before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, except the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Historian, the Grand Lecturer, the Grand Orator, the Judge Advocate, and acting or pro tempore officers. Installation is essential and cannot be dispensed with. [11-1; 11-1.2; 11-10.4, 11-10.5; 57-8].

REG. 12-7 TIME OF INSTALLATION. The Grand Master-elect and all grand officers required to be installed shall be installed by the Grand Master, a Past Grand Master, or a Past Master at the same annual communication or on the earliest date possible thereafter either in the Grand Lodge or in a subordinate lodge within the state. [Official Forms 47, 57].

REG. 12-8 OATH. Each officer of the Grand Lodge, elective and appointive, required to be installed, shall make the following declaration at the time he is installed:

> "I promise upon the honor of a Master Mason that I will, to the best of my ability, conform to and abide by the Ancient Landmarks, Usages, and Regulations of Masonry, and the Constitution and laws of this Grand Lodge; and that I will faithfully perform the duties of the office to which I have been selected."

REG. 12-9 OFFICERS NOT INSTALLED BY PROXY. No elective officer of the Grand Lodge shall be installed by proxy. [11-1.1].

CHAPTER 13

Powers, Duties, and Expenses of the Grand Master

REG. 13-1 GENERAL. The Grand Master shall have such prerogatives and powers as are conferred, and shall perform such duties as appertain to his office, by the ancient usages of Freemasonry, subject to the limitations imposed by THE CODE and the requirements of this Grand Jurisdiction. He is not invested with any prerogative which might annul THE CODE or contravene the avowed policy of the Grand Lodge. [7-5; 13-4.12; 13-4.13].

1. The Grand Master's station is in the Grand East.
2. Whatever the Grand Master, as such, is authorized to do in person he may do by a duly authorized representative unless forbidden by the laws of the Grand Lodge, but he shall be responsible to the Grand Lodge for the acts of such representative.
3. The action and orders of the Grand Master shall be of force until set aside or modified by the Grand Lodge. [13-2.16; 13-2.17; 13-2.21; 13-4.1; 80].

REG. 13-2 PERTAINING TO THE GRAND LODGE. Some, but not all, of the powers and duties of the Grand Master pertaining to the Grand Lodge are as follows.

1. To preside over the Grand Lodge.
2. To decide all questions of usage, order, and Masonic law not otherwise provided for. [7-3; 8-1, 8-2; 8-6; 13-5; 13-2.14].
3. To terminate debate on any question pending before the Grand Lodge. [36-5].
4. To convene the Grand Lodge in emergent communication when he deems it advisable or necessary. [18-2].
5. To present a written report on the first day of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge setting forth all of his acts of Grand Master and the general condition of Masonry within this jurisdiction and recommending such legislation and such action as he may deem necessary. [7-2; 8-6; 13-5; 13-4.2; 16-1.6].
6. To appoint all appointive officers of the Grand Lodge as provided by law, and to fill by appointment all vacancies not otherwise provided, for either pro tempore or for the unexpired term. [12-4; 11-11].
7. To appoint all committees not otherwise provided for. He may appoint special committees to deal with emergencies which may arise or committees on any important matters which he is advised may come before the Grand Lodge for consideration. [11-11; 27-2].
8. To report to the Grand Lodge arrest of charters and the reasons therefor and the constituting and instituting of new lodges. [39-8; 34-19.2; 41].
9. To keep and file all official correspondence and at the expiration of his term of office to deliver the same to the Grand Secretary to be preserved for future use.
10. To suspend from office any officer of the Grand Lodge, any officer of a subordinate lodge, a District Deputy Grand Master, a District Deputy Grand Lecturer, a member of any board selected or elected by the Grand Lodge, or a member of any commission or committee of the Grand Lodge upon satisfactory evidence of unmasonic conduct, misconduct, neglect, or malfeasance in office, or for any unlawful act of commission or for any serious or flagrant omission in the performance of his duties. . [27-4; 58-1; 90-7.2; 91-13.2.E].

11. To execute, when authorized to do so, all deeds or other documents pertaining to the business of the Grand Lodge, unless otherwise provided. [49-7.3, 49-7.7].
12. To command every grand officer and board, commission, or committee, except a Trial Commission, to call on them for information, advice, and assistance on business relative to the Craft and to request of them information or service concerning their respective offices or duties.
13. To cause the Ancient Landmarks and the laws of the Grand Lodge to be observed and to perform the duties of Grand Master agreeably to the requirements of Masonry and THE CODE of the Grand Lodge.
14. To exercise the executive functions of the Grand Lodge when it is not in session, but always as provided by law. [2-7; 13-2.2].
15. To have general supervision over the Craft when the Grand Lodge is not in session.
    A. He may refer any matter or controversy to an officer, board, commission, or committee with such instructions as he may deem proper.
    B. He may summarily try a brother for unmasonic conduct as provided by regulation 91-13. [27-3; 27-7.4; 91-13].
16. To grant dispensations for the formation of new lodges as provided by law. [13-1.2; 13-4.1; 39-7.2; 39-6; 39-6.3; 39-12; 39-13].
17. To issue such dispensations as are authorized by THE CODE. [13-1.2; 13-3.8].
18. To divide the jurisdiction into districts and appoint a District Deputy Grand Master for each district. [26-1].
19. To appoint Grand Representatives to and receive Grand Representatives from other grand jurisdictions recognized by this Grand Lodge. [Official Form 58].
20. To preside, when present, over all meetings of the Craft in this jurisdiction, and of boards, commissions, or committees of the Grand Lodge except Trial Commissions, Committees on Finance, Masonic Jurisprudence and Appeals. [27-2; 27-7.8; 94-2; 95-2].
21. To have and to use the seal of the Grand Master, but he shall not delegate this power. [13-1.2; 89-14].
22. To vote at any stockholders' meeting in which the Grand Lodge is interested, and to cast any vote to which the Grand Lodge may be entitled unless otherwise provided by law or by special direction of the Grand Lodge.
23. To file with the Grand Secretary, immediately after his installation, a photograph of himself suitable for enlarging and printing, and a sketch of his life. [16-1.23].
24. To change the date, hour, or place for holding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge in cases of extreme emergency, or for a satisfactory reason, and when approved by a majority of the Board of General Purposes. [18-1.1; 27-7.7; 28-6]

REG. 13-3 PERTAINING TO SUBORDINATE LODGES. Some, but not all, of the powers and duties of the Grand Master pertaining to subordinate lodges are as follows.

1. To continue lodge functions by dispensation pending replacement of a charter which has been defaced, lost, or destroyed. [41-2].
2. To decide any actual matter of difference which may arise in any lodge during a recess of the Grand Lodge upon subjects involving the construction and application of Masonic law not otherwise provided for.

A. Such decision shall be made only upon written request of a lodge or its Master or after a hearing upon a complaint laid before him by a member of a lodge.
B. The Grand Master may act in such manner and upon such notice to the parties in interest as he deems just, having in view the protection and maintenance of the Masonic rights of the parties concerned.
C. The Grand Master shall not entertain, hear, or determine any appeal from a trial by a Trial Commission. [8-6.3.A; 8-3; 8-3.4].

3. To convene any lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction in person or by his duly authorized representative. To preside therein with the Worshipful Master on his left, to inspect its proceedings and require strict conformity to Masonic law and usage. [45-12.1; 59-2.41].
4. To amend or revoke the dispensation for the formation of a new lodge and to arrest the charter of any lodge when he deems it proper to do so. [2-1; 4-1; 39-13; 41-11].
5. To suspend the Master or any other officer of a subordinate lodge from the exercise of the powers and duties of his office for official misconduct, neglect, malfeasance, or unmasonic conduct. [57-1.4; 58-1; 90-7.2].
6. To command any member of a lodge he may visit to act as Warden or any other officer, for the time being.
7. To institute and constitute lodges, to dedicate Masonic halls and buildings to lay cornerstones of Masonic or public buildings in person or by his duly authorized representative. [4-1; 39-8; 84].
8. To grant dispensations to lodges in special cases as follows: [13-2.17; 13-4.1].
   A. To hold special elections in the following cases.
      (1) If the office of the Master becomes vacant, and the Wardens make application. [57-3].
      (2) If the Master-elect declines to be installed and the Wardens make application. [57-3].
      (3) If the three ranking offices become vacant. [57-3]
      (4) If a lodge fails to elect its officers at the time fixed in its by-laws; but not before it so fails to elect. [54-1.2].
      (5) If an officer must be elected, but such election shall be held at a stated communication. [54-1.2; 57-3].
   B. To elect and install as Master a Master Mason who has not served as Master or Warden of a lodge but only as provided by law. [53-2.2].
   C. To form in public procession for the purpose of performing strictly Masonic service, never, however, for other than a Masonic occasion. No dispensation is necessary for a lodge to attend divine worship or to conduct a Masonic funeral. [86-2.42].
   D. To hold its communications, in case of necessity only, in a room used for other than Masonic purposes. [43-2.13; 43-5; 43-6].
   E. To permit a lodge, in case of necessity, to ask for outside relief but only as provided by law. [85-2; 85-3; 85-4].
   F. To authorize a lodge to receive and act on a petition for the degrees of one who has physical defects but only as provided in THE CODE. [66-2; 68-15].
   G. To permit a lodge to hold its communications temporarily, and in case of extreme necessity, or for a satisfactory reason, in another location than that named in its charter or dispensation; but always within the state and within the territorial jurisdiction of the lodge or within an

immediately adjoining lodge territorial jurisdiction, or in an adjoining Masonic District, but such permit shall not change the existing territorial jurisdiction of the lodge. Only the Grand Lodge may authorize a lodge to move its location permanently from that named in its charter. [38-4.1; 38-4.2; 38-5; 42-3; 45-7; 43-6; 71-14; 82-9].

H. To permit a lodge located within the corporate limits of a municipality to permanently change its location to a place within one mile of the corporate limits of the municipality as set forth in Regulation 42-1.

9. To forbid unlawful expenditures by a lodge. [60-7].
10. To approve the minutes of a lodge, without the necessity of the minutes being read, at an Emergent Communication called for the purpose of acting as host lodge for a district meeting.

REG. 13-4 RESTRICTIONS ON POWERS. The Grand Master has no authority to:

1. Delegate his power to grant dispensations for new lodges or other dispensations in his power to grant. [13-1.2; 13-2.16; 13-3.8; 39].
2. Give any decision, opinion, or other act in his official capacity which is to be kept secret from a lodge or suppressed from his report to the Grand Lodge. [13-5; 13-2.5].
3. Make Masons at sight. [52-6].
4. Grant a dispensation to confer a degree on one deemed by the lodge physically, mentally, or morally disqualified. [66-2; 68-15].
5. Interfere with a trial *however*, he may conduct a summary trial as provided by regulation 91-13. [Chapter 90]
6. Introduce, or permit to be introduced, any rite or ceremony whatever unless first approved by the Grand Lodge. [2-6.9; 17-2; 34-19; 34-19.2].
7. Recognize another grand lodge or any other organization or body, unless and until the Grand Lodge has first formally and expressly recognized the same.
8. Authorize a lodge to join in the funeral procession of a deceased Mason unless the funeral is conducted by the lodge. [82-6.4].
9. Dispense with the examination of a candidate for advancement as required by THE CODE. [72-2.7].
10. Interfere with or set aside an objection to initiation. [73-3.5].
11. Suspend or expel a Mason, except as provided by law. [91-13; 100-2]
12. Set aside, suspend, or annul the laws of the Grand Lodge, *except* as and when specifically authorized by law. [7-5; 13-1; 77-5.4]
13. Authorize anything specifically forbidden by THE CODE. [13-1; 77-5.4]

REG. 13-5 REPORT TO THE GRAND LODGE. The Grand Master shall report to the Grand Lodge all decisions and official opinions, with all papers relating thereto, rendered by him during its recess. Such decisions and opinions shall be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence for its consideration and report. [13-2.2; 13-2.5; 13-4.2].

1. A copy of each decision, official opinion, and unofficial opinion made by him during the recess of the Grand Lodge shall be sent at the time it is rendered to the Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence and the Grand Secretary.
2. The Grand Master shall furnish the Board of General Purposes, the Committees on Masonic Jurisprudence, and on Finance not less than ten days before the annual communication, copies of his proposed annual

report, covering so far as is practicable such of his official acts as he should report to the Grand Lodge and such other subjects or matters as he may desire to submit. [28-3.1; 34-2; 34-3.1].

CHAPTER 14

Powers and Duties of the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Wardens

REG. 14-1 DUTY OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Master to assist the Grand Master as he may direct, to exercise all of the powers and to perform all of the duties of Grand Master in the event he succeeds to that office as provided for in Regulation 11-10, and to perform such other duties as are committed to him by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

REG. 14-2 DUTY OF THE GRAND WARDENS. It shall be the duty of the Grand Wardens to assist the Grand Master in the discharge of his duties as he may direct- and in the order of their rank, to exercise all of the powers and perform all of the duties of Grand Master in the event either of them succeeds to the office of Grand Master as provided for in Chapter 15, and to perform such other duties as are committed to either of them by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. [11-10.2; 11-10.3].

REG. 14-3 STATIONS. The Deputy Grand Master's station is in the Grand East at the right of the Grand Master. The station of the Senior Grand Warden is in the West, and that of the Junior Grand Warden is in the South. [11-10.1]

CHAPTER 15

Duties of the Grand Treasurer

REG. 15-1 DUTIES OF THE GRAND TREASURER. The duties of the Grand Treasurer are as follows.

1. To be present at the Grand Lodge at all of its communications for business and to attend upon the Grand Master, when required, with the books and necessary papers appertaining to his office.
2. When required by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, to attend with such books and papers upon any committee or other agency which may be appointed to act in relation to the fiscal affairs of the Grand Lodge.
3. To receive all money belonging to the Grand Lodge from the Grand Secretary, and to give him receipts therefor, to keep in suitable books a just and accurate record thereof.
4. To deposit all money as may come into his hands in such depositories as he may select unless otherwise provided by the Grand Lodge. [16-1.8; 21-3].
5. To have in charge all money and such other personal and fiscal property of the Grand Lodge as may be entrusted to his care.
6. To keep separate accounts in detail for each fund that may be designated by the Grand Lodge.
7. To pay warrants drawn on him authorized by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master and executed by the Grand Secretary. [16-1.10; 21-3.3] .
8. To present to the Grand Secretary on or before the fifteenth day of March each year, for transmission to the Grand Lodge at its annual communication, a written report of all receipts and disbursements and an itemized list of all securities, stocks, bonds, and other valuable papers belonging to the

Grand Lodge in his possession. Such reports shall cover separately the several funds of the Grand Lodge if any such separate funds have been established, and shall be for the preceding fiscal year. One copy of the report shall be presented to the Grand Master and one copy to the Chairman of the Committee on Finance at the same time it is presented to the Grand Secretary. [22-1; 22-4.3].

9. To take receipts on a payroll or otherwise for money paid out during a communication of the Grand Lodge for expenses of the communication for which he shall receive a regular warrant of the Grand Secretary. [21-4; 27-7].
10. To pay all moneys in his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge to his successor in office and to deliver to him all bonds, securities, stocks, and other property, books, papers, and other documents in his hands as Grand Treasurer, taking duplicate receipts, one copy of which he shall file with the Grand Master.
11. To execute and file with the Grand Master within fifteen days after his installation an official surety bond in such penal sum as the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master may require, but not less than $20,000.00, with such sureties as shall be approved by the Grand Master, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office as provided in THE CODE, or by any amendments thereto. The premium for said bond shall be paid by the Grand Lodge. If he shall fail to file the said bond within the prescribed time, the Grand Master shall declare the office vacant and appoint a brother who is qualified and will file the required bond.
12. To perform such other duties as may be required by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. [22-1; 22-4.3].
13. To appoint, with the approval of the Grand Master, an Assistant to the Grand Treasurer who shall have and maintain the qualifications required for a Grand Treasurer set forth in Chapter 11, and to fill any vacancy in the same manner. For the official acts of such Assistant to the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Treasurer and his bondsman shall be responsible. When the Grand Treasurer is unable to perform the duties of his office for any reason, the Assistant to the Grand Treasurer, when directed by the Grand Master, shall perform the duties of the Grand Treasurer as *Acting Grand Treasurer* and shall receive such compensation as the Grand Master shall direct. The Grand Master in his discretion shall have the power to name some other qualified brother as Acting Grand Treasurer. [12-5; 21-3.3; 21-3.4].

REG. 15-2 GRAND TREASURER STATION. The Grand Treasurer's station is at the right of the Grand Master.

CHAPTER 16

Duties of the Grand Secretary

REG. 16-1 DUTIES OF THE GRAND SECRETARY. The duties of the Grand Secretary are as follows.

1. To attend all of the communications of the Grand Lodge, to attend the Grand Master, or any board, commission, or committee when required to do so by the Grand Master, with the books and necessary papers pertaining to his office, and to place in the hands of the proper persons all papers relative to matters over which they shall have jurisdiction.
2. To issue notices of any emergent communication of the Grand Lodge for business called by the Grand Master forwarding the same to each member and officer of the Grand Lodge and to each lodge. [18-3].
3. To record all transactions of the Grand Lodge which are proper to be written. [Chapter 23]
4. To attend the meetings of the Board of General Purposes and record the proceedings. [28-2].
5. To provide, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, for a complete stenographic record of the transactions of any communication of the Grand Lodge which are proper to be written, but he need not print all of such stenographic record in the Annual Proceedings. [Chapter 23].
6. To cause to be printed the annual report of the Grand Master in a pamphlet form and to provide a sufficient number to furnish each member of the Grand Lodge with a copy at the annual communication. Other reports and matters to be considered by the Grand Lodge may be included in the same pamphlet. [13-2.5].
7. To preserve in the archives of the Grand Lodge the original documents of each communication of the Grand Lodge and safely keep all valuable documents and papers of the Grand Lodge.
8. To receive all moneys due the Grand Lodge from any and all sources and, after making a proper record thereof, pay them over to the Grand Treasurer not later than the twenty-fifth of each month, taking his receipt for the same, which receipt may be the canceled warrant or check bearing the endorsement of the Grand Treasurer. [15-1.3].
9. To select one or more depositories for such funds as he may have in his care unless otherwise provided by the Grand Lodge. [21-3].
10. To issue all warrants for the payment of money when authorized to do so by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master and maintain a proper record of the same. Such warrants shall contain date of issue, amount payable, payee, by what authority issued, the object for which issued, and upon which fund drawn if the Grand Lodge has established more than one fund. [15-1.7].
11. To keep suitable permanent books of accounts and carefully to segregate and record therein all moneys received and warrants issued by him and to record therein the accounts of the several lodges.
12. To conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge and submit copies thereof at any time he may be required to do so by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master. [43-11; 93-2].
13. To receive all petitions, appeals, or applications to the Grand Lodge and lay them before officers, boards, commissions, and committees. [8-3; 98-13].

14. To present to the Grand Master and to the Chairman of the Committee on Finance on or before March fifteenth of each year, and also to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, a full report of all receipts and warrants drawn during the preceding calendar year showing the sources of the revenue and the aggregate amounts of warrants drawn upon each item of the budget for the period and any special fund that the Grand Lodge may have established. [22-1; 22-4.3].
15. To report to each annual communication all subordinate lodges which may be in arrears and those which may have neglected or refused to file their annual return as required by law.
16. To apply any payments made by a subordinate lodge to its oldest account if such lodge is indebted to the Grand Lodge unless otherwise provided by the Grand Lodge. [47-9.2].
17. To present at each annual communication of the Grand Lodge all unfinished business of the Grand Lodge and any matters which may properly come within his province. [34-16].
18. To maintain a record of all petitioners for the degrees and applicants for membership; dates of receiving the several degrees, rejections, deaths expulsions, suspensions, exclusions for nonpayment of dues, and the dates thereof, and all other additions and losses in membership, with dates, as may be reported to his office by subordinate lodges. Such record shall show the full name, birthplace, date of birth, and other means of identification of all additions to membership; and to furnish any subordinate lodge such information as may be in his records when requested or when required by law to do so. [59-12.19].
19. To examine, audit, and correct the annual returns of the subordinate lodges during the recess of the Grand Lodge, to compare them with the return for the preceding year and generally to see that each return is properly prepared and is correct, or cause the same to be corrected and properly prepared by the subordinate lodge. [59-12.16; Chapter 47].
20. To notify all grand lodges in fraternal correspondence with this Grand Lodge, and all subordinate lodges in this state, of the names and addresses of the Grand Lodge officers within thirty days after each annual communication.
21. To notify the subordinate lodges in each Masonic District of this state of the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master for that District and to furnish each District Deputy Grand Master with a list of the lodges in his district.
22. To supervise the printing and distribution of the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge and other documents ordered printed. [Chapter 23].
23. To procure a portrait of each Grand Master and cause the portrait of the Grand Master for the time being to be printed in the Annual Proceedings. He shall place upon the portrait the name and year of service of such Grand Master. Except in case of death he shall make but a single publication of any portrait unless specifically ordered by the Grand Lodge. [13-2.23; 23-2].
24. To photograph all dispensations to form new lodges and all charters issued for new lodges after the same have been completed and executed, together with the petition for each. To cause these photographs to be printed in the Annual Proceedings for the year in which such documents were issued and to retain the original photographs in the archives as a permanent record. [23-1.9].

25. To keep and preserve the seal of the Grand Lodge and affix the same with his attestation to all documents requiring the same. [89-13].
26. To sign and seal all charters, dispensations to form new lodges, certificates, commissions, diplomas, and other instruments of writing not otherwise provided for which emanate from the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master, or the Judge Advocate, or which may be required by THE CODE. [89-13; 93-2].
27. To furnish to any brother requesting the same, a certificate under the seal of the Grand Lodge as to the standing of any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, the cost not to exceed one dollar. [5-1.6].
28. To furnish any grand officer with a certificate under seal, of his election or appointment if requested to do so. [Official Form 57].
29. To procure the books and stationery required for the Grand Lodge.
30. To prepare and furnish to each subordinate lodge, before November fifteenth of each year, blank returns in duplicate for annual returns, the subordinate lodge to complete both copies forwarding the original to the Grand Secretary and retaining the copy for its permanent file. [Chapter 47].
31. To send notices of indebtedness to all subordinate lodges in arrears at least four times each year, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge.
32. To prepare and furnish blank forms for proxies of officers of subordinate lodges for business communications of the Grand Lodge. [Official Form 43].
33. To furnish the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence a copy of the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions and all documents relating thereto as may be received by him.
34. To procure a Past Grand Master's jewel for each retiring Grand Master and an appropriate apron for each incoming Grand Master. [89-5.3; 89-9; 89-9.3; 89-9.8; 89-5.4].
35. To see that all property of the Grand Lodge in his care is properly insured.
36. To have custody of the Grand Lodge library as Grand Librarian and to keep it insured.
37. To keep and maintain an office in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, or elsewhere as may be directed by the Grand Lodge, and to keep his office open for Masonic business at least seven hours each day except Saturdays, Sundays, and such holidays as he may elect.
38. To appoint, with the approval of the Grand Master, an assistant to the Grand Secretary who shall have and maintain the qualifications required for a Grand Secretary set forth in Chapter 11, and to fill any vacancy in the same manner. For the official acts of such Assistant to the Grand Secretary, the Grand Secretary and his bondsman shall be responsible. When the Grand Secretary is unable to perform the duties of his office for any reason, the Assistant to the Grand Secretary, when directed by the Grand Master, shall perform the duties of the Grand Secretary as Acting Grand Secretary and shall receive such compensation as the Grand Master shall direct, but the Grand Master in his discretion shall have the power to name some other qualified brother as Acting Grand Secretary. [12-5; 11-11; 21-3.3; 21-3.4; 21-3].
39. To perform any other duties which pertain to his office and which he may be directed to perform by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master. [22-1; 22-2; 22-4.3].
40. To surrender his office to his successor at the end of his term or sooner if

lawfully required to do so and to deliver to him any and all property of every kind belonging to the Grand Lodge in his possession, or for which he may be responsible. He shall take duplicate receipts therefor, one copy of which shall be delivered to the Grand Master.

41. To execute and file with the Grand Master, within fifteen days after his installation, an official surety bond in such penal sum as the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master may require but not less than $20,000.00, with such sureties as shall be approved by the Grand Master, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office as provided in THE CODE or by any amendments thereto. The premium for said bond shall be paid by the Grand Lodge. If he shall fail to file the said bond within the prescribed time, the Grand Master shall declare the office vacant and appoint a brother who is qualified and who will file the required bond.

REG. 16-2 GRAND SECRETARY STATION. The Grand Secretary's station is at the right of the Grand Master.

CHAPTER 17

Duties of Appointive Grand Officers

REG. 17-1 DUTIES OF THE GRAND DEACONS. The Grand Deacons shall perform the usual duties pertaining to their respective offices, aid in distributing papers, documents, and resolutions from members in the Grand Lodge, and place the same in the hands of the Grand Secretary or other officer entitled to them, and generally perform such other duties as may be required of them by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. [11-1.2].

1. Their respective places in the Grand Lodge are as prescribed by the custom and usage of the Craft.
2. If, while the Grand Lodge is open, the Junior Grand Deacon is not at his place for any reason even temporarily, the Grand Master shall see that the place is filled at all times.

REG. 17-2 DUTIES OF THE GRAND MARSHAL. It shall be the duty of the Grand Marshal to arrange and conduct the public and private processions of the Grand Lodge under the direction of the Grand Master and to perform such other duties proper to his office as may be required by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. His place in the Grand Lodge is at the left in front of the Grand Master. [11-1.2]

REG. 17-3 DUTIES OF THE GRAND STEWARDS. The Grand Stewards shall assist the Grand Deacons and the Grand Tyler in the performance of their respective duties and to do such other things proper to their offices as may be required by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. Their respective places in the Grand Lodge are as prescribed by the custom and usage of the Craft.

REG. 17-4 DUTIES OF THE GRAND TYLER. The duties of the Grand Tyler are as follows. [11-1.2].

1. To guard the entrance of the Grand Lodge, to report all applicants for admission to the Junior Grand Deacon, to announce their names and Masonic addresses, and to see that all who enter are duly qualified, properly vouched for, and properly clothed. [50-4].
2. To make suitable preparations for the accommodation of the Grand Lodge at all its communications and to see that its halls and rooms are kept in a proper condition during the session.
3. To take charge of and safely keep the jewels, furniture, clothing, and paraphernalia of the Grand Lodge during its communications and during recess unless otherwise provided for by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.
4. To serve notices and summons when specifically directed to do so and to perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

REG. 17-5 DUTIES OF THE GRAND LECTURER. The qualifications, selection, and duties of the Grand Lecturer shall be as follows. [11-1.3].

1. The Grand Lecturer shall be a Certified Lecturer well versed in the law and customs of Masonry.
2. He shall be nominated by the Board of Custodians and appointed by the Grand Master, but he need not be installed.

His term of office shall expire with that of the Grand Master appointing him. If he shall have served three consecutive terms, he shall not be eligible to succeed himself. [11-11; 13-2.6; 29-6.1].

3. He shall supervise and assist the District Deputy Grand Lecturers in their visitation, inspection of ritualistic work, advise, instruction, and promotion of the lecture service among the subordinate lodges.
4. He shall direct the exemplification of the Authorized Work when requested to do so by the Grand Master or by the Board of Custodians, or when he deems it necessary or advisable. [24-1].
5. With the approval of the Board of Custodians he is authorized to call upon Certified Lecturers to assist him, from time to time, in promoting the lecture service. [29-10.3].
6. He shall be subject to such directions as the Board of Custodians may from time to time promulgate.

REG. 17-6 DUTIES OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN. It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain to attend the communications of the Grand Lodge especially at the opening and closing of each session thereof, and to offer prayer at the order of the Grand Master in accordance with ancient usage. [11-1.3].

REG. 17-7 DUTIES OF THE GRAND ORATOR. It shall be the duty of the Grand Orator to deliver an address on a Masonic subject at the annual communication, at dedications, and at such other times as the Grand Master shall direct. [11-1.3].

REG. 17-8 DUTIES OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN. The Grand Historian shall perform such duties as are usually performed by such an officer, or as may be required by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. [11-1.3].

REG. 17-9 DUTIES OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE. The qualifications, selection, and duties of the Judge Advocate shall be as follows.

1. The Judge Advocate shall be a Past Master in good standing, well versed in Masonic jurisprudence. He shall be nominated by the Grand Master and confirmed by the Grand Lodge. He shall not be installed and his term of office shall be two years. [11-1.3; 11-8].
2. The Judge Advocate shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Trial Code and such other duties as the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge may prescribe. He shall have authority to make such additional rules and forms for the proper and expeditious conduct of trials as may be found necessary which do not conflict with the law of the Grand Lodge, any rule or form made hereunder shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication for its consideration and action. [102-1].
3. To have and use the seal of his office to be affixed to all official documents bearing his signature. [89-16].

CHAPTER 18

Grand Lodge Communications, Quorum, Presiding Officer, and Registration

REG. 18-1 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION. The annual communication of the Grand Lodge for the transaction of business shall be convened in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, at ten o'clock in the morning of the third Tuesday in April of each year unless otherwise ordered by a resolution adopted by a majority vote at the preceding annual communication, or as provided in THE CODE. [13-2.24].

1. If the Grand Master changes the date, hour, or place of the annual communication pursuant to Reg. 13-2.24, due notice of any change shall be mailed to each subordinate lodge and to each officer and member of the Grand Lodge at least thirty days before the day named for such annual communication. [13-2.24; 27-7.7].
2. All invitations for the Grand Lodge to hold its annual communication at any place other than Raleigh, North Carolina, shall be in writing, addressed to the Board of General Purposes, and filed with the Grand Secretary not later than January first and by him laid before the Board of General Purposes at its January meeting. The Board shall investigate the facilities as to meeting place, housing and other necessary accommodations and shall make a recommendation to the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication for its action. Any invitation not accepted shall not be carried over to be considered at a later annual communication.

REG. 18-2 EMERGENT COMMUNICATIONS. An emergent communication of the Grand Lodge shall be called under the following circumstances;

1. By Grand Master whenever, in his opinion, the welfare of Masonry shall require it, or
2. On written application therefor, signed by the Masters of not less than ten chartered lodges, setting forth the cause which demands it. [13-2.4].

REG. 18-3 NOTICE. Every order for an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge shall designate the object thereof, so far as is proper to be written. Unless called merely for the performance of a Masonic ceremony, such as instituting, constituting, or dedicating lodges, laying cornerstones, conducting Masonic funeral ceremonies, or celebrating St. John's Days, notice shall be issued to each subordinate lodge, grand officer, and member at least thirty days before the day named for such communication, and no business shall be transacted thereat other than that for which the Grand Lodge is especially convened. [16-1.2; 34-13.1].

REG. 18-4 QUORUM. Ten lodges, each represented by one or more of its principal officers or their respective proxies and a brother qualified to open and preside over the Grand Lodge, shall constitute a quorum to transact any business in the Grand Lodge either at an annual or an emergent communication. On occasions of ceremony as heretofore described in Regulation 18-3, the Grand Master, or his duly authorized representative or successor with a sufficient number of brethren to fill the stations and places may, at any time and without prior notice, open the Grand Lodge and perform the ceremonies for which it was convened. [34-13.1].

REG. 18-5 JEWELS OF OFFICE. That the Grand Lodge may always appear in due form, the presiding officer shall be covered and shall wear the jewel of the Grand Master, and those filling other stations and places shall wear the jewels of their respective offices. [89-9; 89-9.8].

REG. 18-6 ADJOURNED MEETING. If there should not be a quorum present on the first day of the annual or other communication of the Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the ranking elective officer present, or of the officer authorized in Regulation 11-10, to adjourn the meeting from day to day or from time to time, but not to exceed three days, until a quorum shall be in attendance.

REG. 18-7 REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE. Registration and attendance:

1. All officers, members, boards, commissions, committees of the Grand Lodge, and all members and representatives of subordinate lodges must register and file their credentials with the Committee on Credentials before taking their seats in the Grand Lodge. [3-4; 34-13.1; 34-13.2; 34-13.3; Official Form 43].
2. Each brother entitled to vote in the Grand Lodge must attend the daily sittings of the Grand Lodge.

REG. 18-8 CALL FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT. When convened, the Grand Lodge may be called from labor to refreshment between its sessions and from day to day without closing until its business has been completed.

CHAPTER 19

Voting in the Grand Lodge

REG. 19-1 METHODS OF VOTING. The methods of voting in the Grand Lodge shall be: by call of the roll; written paper ballot; by show of hands; and by standing.

1. A written ballot is required when; [12-1; 12-2]
   A. Electing officers, [12-1]
   B. Selecting the time and place to hold an annual communication of the Grand Lodge, [18-1]
   C. Voting on any question when demanded by one or more members before the result is announced, or
   D. Voting on a motion to make an appropriation from the Permanent Fund. [5-7.1].
   E. A vote by a call of the roll is required when demanded by three or more members prior to the result being announced. [12-2; 36-10.11]
2. In case a vote is taken by show of hands or by standing, the Grand Master shall take the necessary steps to insure each lodge credit for its full representation. [19-1; 19-2; 36-10.17; 36-10.22].

REG. 19-2 CALL OF THE ROLL. A roll call vote of the Grand Lodge shall always be taken by written ballot, and each vote shall be cast on a separate ballot. If a brother by proxy is entitled to cast more than one vote, he shall cast a separate ballot for each vote he represents. [19-3].

1. Before the roll call vote is taken, the Grand Master shall appoint sufficient tellers, and they shall be furnished ballot slips by the Grand Secretary and immediately commence distributing them to the members of the Grand Lodge present who are entitled to vote.
2. A suitable receptacle to receive the ballots shall be placed at or near the altar and supervised by one of the tellers.
3. The Chairman, or Acting Chairman, of the Committee on Credentials shall supervise calling the roll of those registered as qualified voters. The roll shall be called in the following order:
   A. The lodges shall be called first in numerical order,
   B. the Grand Lodge officers,
   C. Past Grand Masters,
   D. District Deputy Grand Masters,
   E. District Deputy Grand Lecturers, and
   F. then other members.
4. As each name is called, the brother shall stand, respond to his name, be recognized, and then deposit his ballot in the receptacle. In case a member is entitled to more than one vote, by proxy, the lodge officers whose proxies he holds shall be announced.
5. Only the names of those registered with the Committee on Credentials shall be called.
6. If the question is raised as to the right of any brother present to vote, the number of votes he may cast, or the correctness of his credentials, the matter shall be decided at once by the Committee on Credentials with the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.
7. When the names of those registered have been called, the Chairman of the

Committee on Credentials shall so announce to the Grand Master who will declare the ballot closed and direct the tellers to count the ballots and report the result.

8. Other business may be transacted while the tellers are counting the ballots if the Grand Lodge consents.

REG. 19-3 WHO MAY VOTE IN THE GRAND LODGE. In all elections and in all questions before the Grand Lodge: [3-1.3].

1. Each subordinate lodge represented therein be entitled to three votes to be cast by the three principal officers or their duly appointed proxies. [3-4; Official Form 43]
2. Each grand officer present, elective or appointive, shall have only one vote as such, and no other vote except as provided in Regulation 19-4 for the Grand Master.
3. The Grand Tyler may vote if he desires to do so; but his failure to vote will not in any manner affect the legality of the voting or the result thereof. [3-3.2].
4. Each past elective grand officer shall have one vote as such and, in addition thereto, shall have any vote to which he may be entitled as the representative of his subordinate lodge. [3-4].
5. Each member of the Grand Lodge, as set forth in Section 3-1, shall have only one vote as such and, in addition thereto, shall have any vote to which he may be entitled as the representative of his subordinate lodge, except installed elective or appointive officers of the Grand Lodge who may not serve as proxies. [3-3.2].
6. Except the Grand Tyler, every member of the Grand Lodge present must vote unless he is personally interested in the question, or he was absent when the question was first put to a vote, or unless excused by the Grand Master.

REG. 19-4 TIE VOTES. In case of a tie vote the Grand Master, in addition to his proper vote, may have the casting vote.

REG. 19-5 PROXIES. A proxy shall cast as many votes as he holds proxies, but not to exceed three. He shall not have a vote if his principal is present and he shall not transfer his authority, unless the power to do so is given in writing by his principal. [3-4; ; Official Form 43;].

REG. 19-6 MAJORITY SHALL GOVERN. In all votes and elections a majority shall govern unless otherwise provided by law.

REG. 19-7 MOTIONS TO RECONSIDERED. No vote of the Grand Lodge shall be reconsidered except as provided for in Regulations 36-10.8.B, 36-10.18 and 36-10.19. [36-10.18; 36-10.19; 63-15]

REG. 19-8 IRREGULARITIES. In voting in the Grand Lodge:

1. Blank pieces of paper are neither ballots nor votes and cannot be counted as such, nor can they have any effect upon the result. Members present and excused from voting on any question shall not be counted as present on that vote or ballot.
2. All ballots cast at an election of officers on which there does not appear in a legible manner the name of some member of the lodge are blank ballots,

these are not votes and shall not be considered in determining the result.

3. If there are more ballots cast including blanks than there are members present, the vote is illegal and shall be declared void.
4. The fact that a ballot was cast by a member after the Grand Master declared the ballot closed, and without objection by anyone, cannot be set up after the result has been announced to invalidate the election.

CHAPTER 20

Per Capita Tax and Initiation Fee

REG. 20-1 ESTABLISHED. Each lodge, including lodges under dispensation, shall pay annually to the Grand Secretary, for the use of the Grand Lodge, the sums hereinafter specified.

1. The sum of ten dollars and for each member of the lodge at low twelve on December thirty-first. A lodge shall be exempt from the payment of the annual assessment to the Grand Lodge for any member who has received either the Fifty-Year or Sixty-Year Service Award. [5-1.1; 20-1; 81-1; 81-7].
2. The sum of sixteen dollars for each Entered Apprentice initiated by or for the lodge, whether initiated therein or by another lodge for it as a courtesy, ten dollars of which is for charity, five dollars of which shall represent a contribution to The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, and one dollar is an initiation fee to be applied to the general fund. [5-1.4; 5-1.7; 5-5; 20-1].
3. Any increases the annual *per capita tax* provided for in Regulation 20-1.1, or the tax provided for in Regulation 20-1.2 shall become effective until January first next following such increase. [5-1.1; 5-1.4; 5-1.7; 20-1.1].
4. All sums due to the Grand Lodge shall be due and payable at the same time the annual return of a lodge is due to be filed, as set forth in Regulation 47-6, and the failure to comply with this regulation shall be deemed sufficient cause to apply the assessments and penalties, in the manner and to the extent provided in Regulation 47-7. [59-12; Chapters 5, 20].

CHAPTER 21

Fiscal Year, Compensation, & Disbursements by the Grand Lodge

REG. 21-1 FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year of the Grand Lodge shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December of each year. The budget period shall be coterminous with the fiscal year, and the accounts and reports of all officers, boards, commissions, and committees submitted to each annual communication shall cover the preceding fiscal year. [5-3; 22-1; 22-4; 47-1].

REG. 21-2 COMPENSATION. The Grand Lodge shall annually fix the amount of compensation, if any, to be paid to its officer or others, failing to do so, the amount authorized the preceding year shall govern.
Every proposal to provide for compensation for the services of any officer, member, or agent of the Grand Lodge, or to increase the same shall be first referred to the Board of General Purposes for its consideration and report as a matter of policy and must be adopted by the Grand Lodge before the financial question involved therein shall be considered by the Committee on Finance. [21-2; 28-3.1; ; 34-3.1; 34-5.2; 36-10.23.F].

REG. 21-3 DEPOSITORIES AND DISBURSEMENTS. The Grand Lodge may name the depositories for its moneys, or its funds in the hands of any grand officer or agent, but in the absence of direction by Grand Lodge the brother having the care or custody of any such moneys, or funds, may select such depositories. All such deposits shall be in the name of *"The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina."* [15-1.3; 16-1.9; 16-1.38].

1. The moneys, or the funds, of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina may be withdrawn from any bank or depository by any person or persons duly authorized to do so under the law of this Grand Lodge.
2. The identity of any person or persons authorized to make such withdrawals shall be certified to by the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, under the seal of this Grand Lodge and duly attested by its Grand Secretary, or Assistant to the Grand Secretary.
3. The Grand Lodge must authorize disbursements of its funds before such disbursements are made. [15-1.7; 36-6; 34-3.1; 34-5.2].
4. No debt shall be contracted nor disbursement made except by order of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master unless otherwise provided. [36-6; 34-5].
5. Each disbursement, when previously approved by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, shall be made upon a warrant or voucher on such form as the Grand Secretary may prescribe, issued and signed by the Grand Secretary, and signed and validated by the Grand Treasurer.
6. The Grand Treasurer may take receipts on a pay roll, or otherwise, for any money paid out during a communication of the Grand Lodge for expenses of the communication, for which he shall receive a regular warrant of the Grand Secretary. [15-1.7; 16-1.10].

REG. 21-4 PER DIEM AND MILEAGE. At each annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Treasurer shall tender each grand officer, past grand elective officer, District Deputy Grand Master and each District Deputy

Grand Lecturer of the preceding Masonic year, and to each member of a board, commission, or committee of the Grand Lodge, in attendance and serving as such, per diem and mileage incurred in attending that annual communication. [15-1.9; 27-7].

1. Any brother who may attend in more than one category shall receive payment for only one of them.
2. The amount of per diem and mileage shall be determined by the Committee on Finance and approved by the Board of General Purposes prior to each annual communication.
3. The following limitations shall be followed:
   A. Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters shall be paid per diem for no more than three days.
   B. Boards, Committees and Commissions that meet during the annual communication shall be paid per diem for no more than two days.
   C. Boards, Committees and Commissions that do not meet during the annual communication shall be paid per diem for no more than one day.
   D. District Deputy Grand Masters and District Deputy Grand Lecturers shall be paid per diem for no more than one day.
4. Those attending the annual communication of the Grand Lodge who may be entitled to payment of their expenses shall have their statements approved by the Grand Master or by his representative designated for that purpose before presenting them to the Grand Treasurer for payment. [27-7].

REG. 21-5 CORPORATE CHARITIES. The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina Incorporated, and The North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Incorporated, are corporations under the laws of the State of North Carolina, and they shall be managed by their respective boards of directors according to their respective charters and by-laws. Neither of the said corporations shall by its own action in any manner or to any extent obligate the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge shall assume no liability or responsibility for any debt or other obligation of any nature of either of said corporations unless, and until, it has been expressly authorized or assumed by the Grand Lodge. [22-1; 27-4; 35-1; Chapter 35, See Appendix].

CHAPTER 22

Grand Lodge Financial Reports and Audit

REG. 22-1 REPORTS TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. On the first day of March each year the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, and the respective Directors of Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc., Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated, and The North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Incorporated, shall make a detailed written report of all moneys and other property received by their respective institutions, stating the source of and the disposition made thereof during the preceding fiscal year; and before March fifteenth of that year, they shall deliver one copy of such reports to the Grand Master, one copy to the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and two copies to the Grand Secretary for the Grand Lodge records. [15-1.8; 16-1.14; 16-1.39; 21-5].

1. The Committee on Finance may require the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, or the directors of any of the aforesaid Masonic corporations to lay before it all vouchers and receipts for the payment of moneys by them respectively, during the preceding fiscal year. [34-5.1].
2. The Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, and the directors of any of the aforesaid Masonic corporations shall make and deliver such other reports relating to finances and property as may be ordered by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

REG. 22-2 REPORT ON SUBORDINATE LODGES. On the first day of September in each year the Grand Secretary shall report to the Grand Master all subordinate lodges that have failed to make their annual returns or have failed to pay in full their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge and the amount thereof. [16-1.39].

REG. 22-3 COMPLIANCE REQUIRED. The Grand Master shall require the foregoing provisions of this chapter to be strictly complied with. He shall forthwith call to the attention of the officer or board of directors in default any neglect or omission. If such delinquent officer or board of directors shall fail at once to comply with such provisions, the Grand Master is empowered and shall at once remove or suspend such officer or the director who may be responsible for such delinquency and who represents the Grand Lodge on such board of directors.

REG. 22-4 EXAMINATION BY ACCOUNTANT. The Grand Master shall engage a competent accountant and contract with him to examine the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer; Grand Secretary; Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc.; Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated; The North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Incorporated, and any other agency or institution in which the Grand Lodge may be financially interested and report to the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master their condition as of the close of each preceding fiscal year of each office, agency or institution or oftener if required to do so by the Grand Master. [22-4.3].

1. Such accountant shall not be either a member or an officer of the Grand Lodge.
2. The compensation for such services shall be as agreed to by the Grand Master under this regulation.

3. Not later than February twenty-fifth of each year the books, records, accounts, vouchers, securities, funds, and all other financial matters of the Grand Treasurer; the Grand Secretary; Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc.; Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated, The North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Incorporated, and any other agency or institution in which the Grand Lodge has a proprietary interest for the preceding fiscal year shall be carefully audited and examined by the accountant and a written report shall be submitted by him to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.
4. Before March fifteenth of each year, one copy of each of the audit reports in detail shall be filed with the Grand Master, one copy with the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, two copies with the Grand Secretary for the Grand Lodge records and files, and such other copies as are ordered by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. [15-1.8; 15-1.12; 16-1.14; 21-1].
5. The accountant shall make such additional audits from time to time as may be authorized by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

CHAPTER 23

Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge

REG. 23-1 CONTENTS OF ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS. The transactions of the Grand Lodge, had at either an emergent or an annual communication, which are proper to be published shall be printed in the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge immediately after the annual communication each year, and the Grand Secretary shall prepare its contents, supervise its printing and its distribution. The Annual Proceedings shall be conclusive evidence of all matters therein. In addition to the said transactions the volume of the Annual Proceedings shall contain as a supplement, or appendix, the following: [16-1.3; 16-1.5; 16-1.22; 43-4; 94-11.4].

1. The names, titles, and addresses of all Grand Lodge officers for the current year,
2. The names and titles of all past elective grand officers who are members of the Grand Lodge,
3. The name, address, and district number of each District Deputy Grand Master,
4. The name, address, and district number of each District Deputy Grand Lecturer,
5. The names of all boards, commissions, and committees,
6. The names of all grand representatives to and from the Grand Lodge,
7. Tabulated statements showing the name, number, and location of each subordinate lodge, and the day of its stated communication; the number of members initiated, died, suspended, and excluded for nonpayment of dues; the number of petitions for the degrees rejected during the preceding calendar year; and such other Masonic statistics as may be desirable and proper,
8. A full roster of each subordinate lodge, in supplementary form to the Annual Proceedings, when specifically ordered by the Grand Lodge, and
9. A photograph of each dispensation to form a new lodge, as well as the petition therefor, and of each charter issued to a new lodge and of the petition therefor, and of each charter photographed as provided in Regulation 41-8. [16-1.24; 39-6.3; 40-4].
10. Neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Secretary is empowered to alter the minutes of the Grand Lodge after they have been approved.
11. This regulation shall not be construed as requiring all transactions of the Grand Lodge to be printed and published in full in the Annual Proceedings.

REG. 23-2 ITEMS EXCLUDED. The Annual Proceedings shall not contain;

1. The portrait of a living Mason except that of the newly installed grand officers, or any of them, and that of the Grand Master presiding, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge, and
2. Any details of a Masonic trial including the name of the accused and the offense charged, but each case by the docket number under which it was tried, the name and number of the subordinate lodge of which the accused was a member, and the final action of the Grand Lodge thereon shall be published in the Annual Proceedings. [16-1.23; 90-13].

REG. 23-3 DISTRIBUTION. The printed Annual Proceedings shall be

bound in paper and in cloth in such quantity of each as the Grand Secretary may deem necessary and distributed as follows:

One paper bound copies to each subordinate lodge, [43-4].

One cloth bound copy to each Grand Lodge Officer and each Past Grand Master,

One paper bound copy to each member of mandatory boards, commissions, and committees,

One paper bound copy to each District Deputy Grand Master,

One paper bound copy to each District Deputy Grand Lecturer,

One paper bound copy to each Grand Lodge of the United States of America, of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and

One paper bound copy to each of such other Grand Lodges of foreign countries as may be in fraternal correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary may in his discretion vary the foregoing assignments to the several Grand Lodges mentioned herein.

CHAPTER 24

Authorized Ritualistic Work, Official Standard of the Work, and Vocabulary

REG. 24-1 RITUAL AND THE LECTURES. The ritual and the lectures of the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason heretofore adopted and practiced from time immemorial in this Grand Jurisdiction, as set forth in the Official Standard of the Work and the Vocabulary promulgated by the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication of 1942, together with Bahnson's Manual, and revisions thereof and no other, shall be taught and practiced as the Authorized Ritualistic Work and Lectures of those degrees in this Grand Jurisdiction. For convenience they may be referred to as the *Authorized Work* or *the Work*. [2-6.8; 17-5.4; 71-16; 71-23;].

1. The power to modify or to make any change in the Authorized Work rests solely in the Grand Lodge. [13-4.6; 59-2.16; 71-15].
2. No officer or brother shall add to or take from any part of the Authorized Work, or, permit any deviation from or innovation in any part of that Work whatever.
3. No officer or brother shall use or permit to be used any part of that Work for any purpose whatever except in conferring or exemplifying the Symbolic degrees, under such penalty as the Grand Lodge may deem proper to impose.
4. To insure uniformity of the Work in this state, no other system or ceremonies shall be used in the lodges yielding obedience to this Grand Lodge.
5. A degree is *conferred* when there is a proper candidate to receive it, it is *exemplified* for instruction, and then only when properly tiled and there is no candidate to receive the degree. [39-10.3].
6. On special occasions the Grand Master by dispensation, may permit a brother, or brethren, but not a lodge as a lodge, from another grand jurisdiction, to confer or to exemplify the ritual of the Symbolic degrees of that grand jurisdiction in a lodge in North Carolina duly opened for the purpose. The Grand Master shall maintain strict control to the end that our Authorized Work shall not be affected by such action. [24-1.5; 71-16; 71-23].

REG. 24-2 TITLE TO THE AUTHORIZED WORK. The title and entire property rights in, and to, the said Official Standard of the Work, the Vocabulary, and Bahnson's Manual are, and shall always be and remain, in this Grand Lodge. No lodge, individual, or other entity whatever, shall ever have, or in any manner obtain, or claim, any right, title, or property interest therein adverse to this Grand Lodge.

REG. 24-3 BOARD OF CUSTODIANS. The Board of Custodians is the sole custodian of the Work.

1. Any proposal to change in any way the Authorized Work shall be referred to, and reported on, by the Board of Custodians before any action shall be taken thereon by the Grand Lodge. [2-6.8; 29-6.2].
2. The Board of Custodians shall never make, nor permit to be made any change or modification in said Work or in the ritual, except as shall have

been first approved and adopted by the Grand Lodge. [Chapter 29].

REG. 24-4 ILLUSTRATIONS. The use of any illustrations by pictures, or by any other means, of any part of the ritualistic work is prohibited, except as illustrated in Bahnson's Manual, or approved by the Board of Custodians.

REG. 24-5 SUBORDINATE LODGE COPIES. Each subordinate lodge shall be entitled to the loan and use of not more than seven copies of the Official Standard of the Work which upon application shall be received by and accounted for as follows, one copy only, to each: the Master, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, the Senior Deacon, the Junior Deacon, and each of the two Stewards. [59-2.30].

1. Each subordinate lodge which shall apply for the Official Standard of the Work shall also be entitled upon application to the loan and use of one copy of the Vocabulary, to be received by and accounted for by the Secretary of the lodge. [59-12.9].
2. The Board of Custodians in its discretion and in addition to the foregoing paragraph, may authorize the loan and use of not more than three (3) additional copies of the Official Standard of the Work to any subordinate lodge of this Grand Lodge upon application by such lodge and subject to such fees, penalties and rules as Board may determine and promulgate from time to time.
3. When any officer or member of any lodge shall fail or refuse to present or deliver up the copy of the Official Standard of the Work or the Vocabulary with which he is charged, or any or either of them, when called for by the Grand Master, his authorized representative, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Lecturer, a member of the Board of Custodians, a District Deputy Grand Master, or a District Deputy Grand Lecturer, said lodge shall pay a penalty of $25.00 for each copy not so presented or delivered up. If the Grand Master is satisfied that any copy not so presented or delivered up has actually been lost or completely destroyed and therefore cannot be presented or delivered up, he may remit the penalty. A delinquent officer or brother shall be subject also to the provisions of Regulation 86-2.55. [59-12.9].
4. No new copy of the Official Standard of the Work or the Vocabulary shall be issued to any subordinate lodge except to replace those returned to the Grand Secretary due to their useless condition or to replace copies proved to be lost or completely destroyed.
5. Any copy of the said Official Standard of the Work issued under the provisions of this Regulation shall be received, used and accounted for as may be directed by the Board from time to time and subject to the title of the Grand Lodge.

REG. 24-6 OTHER COPIES. The Board of Custodians shall have the authority, in its discretion and under such rules as said board may prescribe, to authorize the loan of one copy of the Official Standard of the Work to each of the following, during the time they are officially acting as such;

1. The Grand Lodge officers,
2. The District Deputy Grand Masters,
3. The Certified Lecturers, and
4. Other certified brethren during the time they are on their respective rosters and certified as such, as provided in Regulation 29-7.

5. Each copy shall be receipted for by the person receiving the same, and such loans shall be subject to all the conditions herein set forth to the extent that they can be applied to such persons except as to the penalty of $25.00 mentioned in Regulation 24-5.3.

CHAPTER 25

Joint Enterprises

REG. 25-1 GRAND LODGE. The declared policy of this Grand Lodge is not to enter into any joint enterprise with any agency, person, or entity for any purpose whatsoever, including the erection, ownership, or management of buildings for Masonic use by or with other Masonic bodies. The Grand Lodge should always be the exclusive and sovereign owner, proprietor, director, and manager of any objective or enterprise projected, sponsored, or promoted by it in the name of, or in behalf of, Masonry in its jurisdiction. This declaration is not to be construed to mean that the Grand Lodge may not cooperate with other agencies or entities for relief or for charity, or for the advancement or improvement of mankind, or for any other Masonic objective, but it does state that no such enterprise or objective shall be made a sponsorship, co- partnership, or joint enterprise, or that the Grand Lodge shall be made a party to it in any way except by way of cooperation in such manner, to such extent, and for such definite time as it may deem proper.

REG. 25-2 SUBORDINATE LODGES. The same policy is stated for its subordinate lodges, except as provided by law, or as may be authorized by the Grand Lodge from time to time. [43-2.13; 43-8; 60-7; 86-2.46].

CHAPTER 26

District Deputy Grand Master, Qualifications, Powers and Duties

REG. 26-1 DISTRICTS. The Grand Master shall each year, or as often as he may deem it to be for the good of the Craft, divide the state into districts, having regard to the Masonic population, the number of lodges, and the convenience of travel. [13-2.18].

1. The districts may be defined by territorial limits, or by designating the subordinate lodges that shall constitute a district.
2. The territorial jurisdiction of such lodges shall be contiguous, and the districts shall be numbered and not named.

REG. 26-2 QUALIFICATIONS. There shall be only one District Deputy Grand Master in each district, and he shall be appointed and commissioned by the Grand Master annually.

1. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall be a Master or Past Master of a subordinate lodge.
2. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall be and remain a resident of his district and a member of a subordinate lodge therein.
3. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall be well skilled in the Authorized Work of the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry and well informed in the best business practices for Masonic lodges, the law, custom, and usage of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. [3-1.5; 11-4; 11-4.3; Official Form 53].
4. Each District Deputy Grand Master, when duly appointed and commissioned as such, is then, and without the necessity for installation or any other act, fully entitled to the prerogatives of, and shall perform the duties of, a District Deputy Grand Master.
5. During his official term he is responsible only to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge for his official acts or discipline. [11-4].

REG. 26-3 DUTIES. It shall be the duty of each District Deputy Grand Master: [39-2.6.F].

1. To visit each subordinate lodge in his district as often as convenient but not less than once a year.
2. To bring the lodges in his district into closer relations with each other and with the Grand Lodge. [43-2.12].
3. To preside therein upon the occasion of his official visitations.
4. To examine thoroughly its records and accounts.
5. To inform himself fully as to the condition of the lodge, the number of its members, and the regularity of their attendance. [45-14].
6. To inquire into all the affairs of the lodge and the administration thereof.
7. To make such suggestions and recommendations to the officers as he deems necessary to insure a full and prompt compliance with the law of the Grand Lodge.
8. To instruct or counsel officers and members in any particular wherein he may find they need information and particularly to recommend attention to the moral and benevolent principles of Masonry.
9. To caution the brethren in the admission of petitioners for the degrees.
10. To confer with the officers and members concerning non-affiliated and unaffiliated Masons.

11. To endeavor, if he should discover in his district any Masonic error or any unmasonic conduct, to correct the same immediately by Masonic means; and if he judges it expedient, to report the same immediately to the Grand Master. [71-9].
12. To take possession of the funds and property of any dormant or extinct lodge in his district and transfer the same to the Grand Secretary or to comply with any instructions given by the Grand Secretary in regard to the same. [49-7.4].
13. To perform such other services and executive duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Grand Master.
14. On each official visitation, and as often as he may deem it necessary, he shall call for and personally examine each copy of the Official Standard of the Work and the Vocabulary assigned to the several lodges in his district, and shall require a strict compliance with Regulation 24-3 in regard to each book. He shall examine the lodge's copy of THE CODE to see that all amendments thereto have been properly posted. He shall immediately report any irregularities found by his examination to the Grand Master. The duty herein described is mandatory and may not be omitted for any reason. [86-2.55; 59-12.9].

REG. 26-4 ANNUAL REPORT. He shall make an annual report based on the calendar year and file it with the Grand Master not less than sixty days before the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, setting forth his official acts during the year, the condition of each lodge in his district, and the condition of Masonry in his district, and suggesting such measures as to him may appear conducive to the general good of the lodges and the fraternity. This report shall not be published in the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, but it shall be transmitted to the incoming Grand Master as information for his use.

REG. 26-5 EXPENSE. He shall render to the Grand Master before December tenth of each year an itemized account of the actual travel expense incurred by him in the performance of his duties. The amount of reimbursement for mileage shall be determined by the Committee on Finance and approved by the Board of General Purposes. The Grand Master may order the same to be paid from the funds of the Grand Lodge, if such expense has been incurred in the performance of routine duty, but not for more than two official visits to each lodge in his district during a calendar year. If the expense has been incurred for a special duty, the Grand Master may order the lodge or the Grand Lodge to pay it. A District Deputy Grand Master shall not be compensated for his services. [26-5].

REG. 26-6 TERM LIMIT. A brother who has heretofore served, or shall serve, three consecutive years as District Deputy Grand Master, shall not succeed himself unless the Grand Master shall find that it is in the best interest of Masonry for said brother to continue with his duties.

CHAPTER 27

Boards, Commissions, and Committees of the Grand Lodge

REG. 27-1 MANDATORY. The mandatory boards, commissions, and committees of the Grand Lodge are those required by law, and shall consist of the number of members provided by law whom the Grand Master shall nominate or appoint, and whose chairman he shall name except as otherwise provided. The Mandatory boards, commissions, and committees of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows: [3-1.4].

1. Boards:
   A. The Board of General Purposes. [28]
   B. The Board of Custodians. [17-5.2; 29].
   C. The Board of Publications. [34-20]
2. Commissions:
   A. The Lodge Service Commission. [31]
   B. The Code Commission. [33]
3. Committees:
   A. On Masonic Jurisprudence. [34-1]
   B. On Finance. [34-3]
   C. On Appeals. [34-6].
   D. On Charters and Dispensations of Lodges. [34-8]
   E On Fraternal Correspondence. [34-11]
   F. On Charity. [34-12]
   G. On Credentials. [34-13]
   H. On Necrology. [34-13]
   I. On By-laws of Subordinate Lodges [34-15]
   J. On Unfinished Business. [16-1.17; 34-16].
   K. On Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated. [34-17]
   L. On the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. [34-18]
   M. On Miscellaneous Masonic Ceremonies. [34-19]
   N. On Permanent Building. [34-21]
   O. On Masonic Research and Development.
   P. On Subordinate Lodge Special Activities Committee.
   Q. On Masonic Public Relations. [34-22]

REG. 27-2 SPECIAL COMMITTEES. Special committees may be created by either the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master. Such special committees shall have only such powers as shall be conferred on them by either the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master when they are created.
They shall perform with due dispatch all duties assigned to them and report thereon to the Grand Lodge, or to the Grand Master as ordered.
Unless otherwise specified by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge when creating the committee, each special committee shall consist of five members, appointed from time to time by the Grand Master to serve the Grand Lodge in its work and activities. Unless otherwise specified by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge when creating the committee, the Grand Master shall name the chairman of each special committee. [11-11; 13-2.7; 13-2.20]

REG. 27-3 ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE. A brother to be eligible to serve on any

board, commission, or committee of this Grand Lodge shall be and remain a member in good standing in a subordinate lodge of this Grand Lodge and shall continue to be a resident of this state during his tenure. Failure to do so will create a vacancy. [3-2; 28-1; 31-1.1; 33-1; 34-1; 34-19; 35-1]

REG. 27-4 BOARDS OF DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors of Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc. shall consist of twelve members. The Board of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated shall consist of twenty members of which the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, at each Annual Communication, shall designate, twelve members, as hereinafter provided. Each director shall be qualified as provided in Section 3-2 and Regulation 27-6.

1. The following officers of the Grand Lodge for the time being and during their respective terms of office shall be members of the Boards of Directors of Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc. and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated:
   The Grand Master, who shall be Chairman
   The Deputy Grand Master
   The Senior Grand Warden
   A. In addition there shall be nine qualified members nominated by the Board of General Purposes and elected by the Grand Lodge.
   B. At each Annual Communication the Board of General Purposes shall nominate three members, each of whom shall serve for three years when elected by the Grand Lodge.
   C. In the event of a vacancy on a Board by death or otherwise, the Grand Master shall fill the vacancy until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, when the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term on nomination of the Board of General Purposes and election by the Grand Lodge.
2. No member of these Boards shall serve as a director of both corporations at the same time except Grand Lodge Officers, who, by virtue of their office, are members of both Boards.
3. No member of these Boards shall succeed himself or serve as a member of the Board on which he serves until twelve months shall have elapsed since his last term of service expired, provided, a member appointed or elected to fill an unexpired term of not more than twelve months will be eligible for election to a full three-year term.
4. Not more than one member of either Board shall have as his legal place of residence the same city or county, except Grand Lodge Officers, who, by virtue of their office, are members of the Boards.
5. The Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge shall be an observer at meetings of both Boards by virtue of his office, and all of his expenses in conjunction therewith shall be borne by the Grand Lodge.
6. With respect to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated the provisions of this regulation shall apply only to the aforesaid directors representing the Grand Lodge, who may be elected by it or appointed as herein before set forth.

REG. 27-5 NOMINATIONS. The Grand Master-elect shall promptly nominate all members of boards, commissions, and committees who must be confirmed by the Grand Lodge so that it can act thereon before the annual communication is closed *except* such nominations as may be provided for in

Regulation 27-4, or otherwise provided for. [28-2.2; 34-6]

REG. 27-6 APPOINTMENTS BY THE GRAND MASTER. Within thirty days after the close of the communication at which he is installed, the Grand Master shall appoint those mandatory committees provided for in Regulation 27-1 which do not require confirmation by the Grand Lodge.

REG. 27-7 GENERAL PROVISIONS. Except as otherwise provided the following provisions shall govern all boards, commissions, and committees.

1. All boards, commissions, and committees acting at any annual communication of the Grand Lodge, or at any emergent communication for the transaction of business, are discharged at the close of such communication,
2. They shall assemble at such time and place, and submit their respective reports as the Grand Master may direct.
3. Their reports shall be made from day to day immediately after the grand officers have made their reports, at such other times as the Grand Master may call for them, and shall be in writing. [1-1.3; 2-6.7; 36-10.5]
4. Their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, other than those expenses incurred while in attendance at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge shall be paid by the Grand Lodge, subject to approval by the Grand Master or his representative designated for that purpose.
5. No member of a board, commission, or committee shall receive compensation for his services as such member except as provided by law nor shall he receive expenses as such member, and in addition thereto, receive per diem and mileage in any other capacity for attendance at the Grand Lodge. [15-1.9; 21-4; 29-3]
6. A board, commission, committee shall not consider any matter until it has been offered in the Grand Lodge and duly referred to the committee except matters referred to the committee in recess of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master or unless otherwise provided by law. [13-2.15; 27-3]
7. Any board, commission, or committee may meet during the recess of the Grand Lodge when authorized to do so by the Grand Master or by law.
8. Unless otherwise authorized by the Grand Master or by law, a board, commission, or committee consisting of more than two members shall act only by a majority of its members present at a proper meeting, and not by correspondence. [28-1; 28-6; 29-3; 34-1; 34-3]

REG. 27-8 GRAND MASTER EX-OFFICIO CHAIRMAN. The Grand Master, if present at the meeting, shall be ex-officio chairman of all boards, commissions, and committees consisting of more than one member, except the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, a Trial Commission, and the Committee on Appeals.
In his absence the chairman previously named for the group shall serve and in the absence of both, a chairman *pro tempore* shall be selected by the members present to serve for that meeting only. [13-2.20; 27-4; Chapter 34]

CHAPTER 28

Board of General Purposes

REG. QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS. The Board of General Purposes shall consist of twelve members, each of whom shall be a Past Master. [27-1.1.A; 27-6; 27-7.7].

REG. 28-2 MEMBERS AND TERMS. The following officers of the Grand Lodge during their respective terms of office shall be members of the Board of General Purposes:

The Grand Master, who shall be chairman
The Deputy Grand Master
The Senior Grand Warde
The Junior Grand Warden
The Grand Treasurer
The Grand Secretary, who shall be secretary of the board [16-1.4]

1. In addition to the above named officers of the Grand Lodge there shall be six qualified members to be nominated by the Grand Master and confirmed by the Grand Lodge.
2. At each annual communication the Grand Master-elect shall nominate two members, each of them to serve for three years when confirmed by the Grand Lodge. [27-4].
3. In the event of a vacancy on the board by death or otherwise, the Grand Master shall fill such vacancy until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, when the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner hereinbefore provided.
4. No member of this Board shall succeed himself or serve as a member of this Board until twelve months shall have elapsed since his last term of service expired; provided, a member appointed or elected to fill an unexpired term of not more than twelve months shall be eligible for election to a full three-year term.
5. Not more than one member of this Board shall have as his legal place of residence the same city or county, except Grand Lodge Officers, who by virtue of their office, are members of this Board.

REG. 28-3 POWERS AND AUTHORITY. The objects and purposes, powers and authority, and limitations of the Board of General Purposes shall be as follows:

1. It shall be a Committee on the Grand Master's address, to which the address shall be referred without motion. It shall recommend the distribution of the Grand Master's address, and of its various topics, subjects, or provisions to the appropriate boards, commissions, or committees for further reports to the Grand Lodge. The board may reserve to itself any portion of the Grand Master's address, for further consideration and report with its recommendations, and it *shall* consider and report on any questions or matters of policy contained in that address with its recommendations thereon. [13-5.2; 21-2; 36-7; 5-7.1].
2. It shall be an advisory committee with whom the Grand Master may consult when he desires.
3. It shall serve to coordinate and facilitate the general activities of the

Grand Lodge in all of the institutions and agencies in which the Grand Lodge has a proprietary interest, or which it may promote or operate directly or indirectly, and of all officers, departments, boards, commissions, or committees of the Grand Lodge through regular or periodical review and consultation from time to time. It shall serve to coordinate, promote, continue, and more efficiently carry out such policies, objectives, plans, purposes, or duties as may be approved or authorized by the Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master.

4. Each member except the Grand Master shall represent on this board a special activity or group of related activities or objectives of the Grand Lodge. Unless set forth hereafter, each member when nominated, or when he becomes a member of the board, shall be assigned by the Grand Master to one or more activity or objective which he is to represent. He should diligently acquire such information concerning those subjects as will enable him intelligently to inform the board of their condition and need to suggest means for their improvement or promotion.
   A. The Grand Treasurer shall report on matters pertaining to his office.
   B. The Grand Secretary shall report on matters pertaining to his office and as to charters and dispensations of lodges.

REG. 28-4 ACTIVITIES REPRESENTED. The following are considered as activities and groups of related activities properly to be represented by members of the Board of General Purposes:

1. Charity, relief; Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc., and Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated,
2. Finances of the Grand Lodge,
3. The North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Incorporated,
4. Masonic Jurisprudence, trials, appeals, and grievances,
5. Ritualistic Work, Lecture Service, and Masonic education,
6. Delinquent lodges, dormant lodges, and lodge buildings,
7. Civil law, as counsel for the Grand Master and the board, and
8. Relations with other Grand Lodges.
9. To provide for expansion and growth of services or for more efficient prosecution of the activities and objectives of the Grand Lodge, the board in its discretion may change the foregoing grouping of activities, and may add to or take from any group, or may make additional groups of activities.

REG. 28-5 NO LIMITATION ON THE GRAND MASTER. The Board of General Purposes shall not at any time, nor in any manner, nor to any extent, directly or indirectly encroach upon, affect, limit, or restrict the powers, authority, and prerogatives of the Grand Master granted to him by the law of the Grand Lodge, or recognized in this Grand Jurisdiction as being conferred by the landmarks, ancient customs, and usage of the Craft, or as being inherent in his office.

REG. 28-6 MANNER OF ACTING. The Board of General Purposes shall act only by a majority of its members present at a proper meeting, a quorum being present, and not by correspondence. The Grand Master, or his representative duly appointed, in his sole discretion, shall have authority to postpone action on any matter or subject before the board without the necessity for concurrence by members of the board, except the Grand Master's address when being considered under the provisions of Regulation 28-3.1, and any matter referred

to it under Regulations 27-4 and 36-7. [13-2.24; 27-7.7].

REG. 28-7 QUORUM AND PRESIDING OFFICER. Seven members of the Board of General Purposes, one of whom is qualified to preside, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Grand Master shall preside if present. In his absence the presiding officer shall be a member determined by reference to Regulation 11-10.

REG. 28-8 MEMBERS NOT REPRESENTED BY PROXY. No member of the Board of General Purposes shall be represented by proxy except the Grand Master.

REG. 28-9 REGULAR MEETINGS. Regular meetings of the Board of General Purposes shall be held at the place and hour designated by the Grand Master in each January, March, June and September and at ten o'clock in the morning of the day preceding the first day of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge at the place where the Grand Lodge is convened.

REG. 28-10 SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Board of General Purposes may be called by the Grand Master in his discretion.

REG. 28-11 NOTICE. At least five days notice of any meeting of the Board of General Purposes shall be given to all members.

CHAPTER 29

Board of Custodians, Masonic Education, Lecture Service

REG. 29-1 BOARD OF CUSTODIANS. The Board of Custodians shall consist of eight members. The Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer shall be members of the board. The six other member shall be brethren learned in the ritualistic work, the law, and the customs of Masonry, at least four of whom shall be Certified Lecturers. At each annual communication of the Grand Lodge the Grand Master shall appoint two qualified brethren, each to serve for three years. [27-1.1.B; 27-6].

REG. 29-2 CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY. In June of each year the Board of Custodians shall elect its chairman from its members and a secretary who need not be from its membership but who shall be a member of a subordinate lodge obedient to the Grand Lodge; and if the secretary is not a member of the board, he shall not have a vote. [27-6; 27-7.7; 27-7.8].

REG. 29-3 QUORUM. A quorum of the Board of Custodians shall consist of five members. Business shall be transacted only by a majority of its members present at a proper meeting and not by correspondence. The proper expenses of the board shall be paid by the Grand Lodge, but the members shall not be compensated for their services. [27-7; 27-7.7].

REG. 29-4 MEETINGS. The Board of Custodians shall meet as often as necessary upon call of the Grand Master or the chairman.

REG. 29-5 VACANCY. In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Custodians by death or for any other cause, the Grand Master shall fill the vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term.

REG. 29-6 DUTIES, POWERS, AND AUTHORITY. The duties, powers, and authority of the Board of Custodians shall be as follows:

1. To nominate the Grand Lecturer. [17-5.2].
2. To have complete charge of the Authorized Ritualistic Work and lectures which have been approved by the Grand Lodge, and to preserve the same permitting no change therein whatever unless such change has been approved by the Grand Lodge prior to the change becoming a part of the Authorized Work. [Chapter 23].
3. To confer with the Grand Lecturer and with brethren who have been examined and certified as proficient in the Work and to instruct and examine them as often as the board deems necessary to determine their continued proficiency therein.
4. To perform such other duties as may be assigned to it from time to time by the Grand Master or by the Grand Lodge.
5. To have charge of Masonic ritualistic education in the subordinate lodges and among the members at large. The Board is authorized to prepare and promote such plans, programs, and rules from time to time as may be deemed proper to carry out its duties, provided no program or plan of Masonic ritualistic education shall be inaugurated or promoted until it and the expense thereof have been approved by the Grand Master or by the Grand Lodge. [61-7.2].

REG. 29-7 CLASSES OF LECTURERS. The Board of Custodians is authorized, in its discretion:

1. To establish not more than two grades, or classes, of examination for proficiency in the Authorized Work. The highest grade or class shall include the entire Work, both esoteric and exoteric parts, and a brother who satisfactorily passes such examination shall be known as Certified Lecturer.
2. To establish a roster for each grade or class authorized by it, on which shall be posted the names of each brother qualified for the roster of each grade or class, these rosters shall be printed in the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.
3. To adopt and promulgate, from time to time, such rules as may be necessary to govern the examination, the reexamination, and the certification of all brethren of, or for, any grade or class.
4. To drop from the roster of his grade or class any certified brother who fails to appear for reexamination when notified to do so for the first time and who does not give a satisfactory reason to the board for his failure, or one who fails, for any reason, to appear for reexamination when notified the second time to do so, and his certificate shall be canceled and made void, and he shall be notified accordingly.
5. To issue certificates for each grade or class for the period of time which it shall establish, but not to exceed five years. At the expiration of such time, the holder shall either renew the same by such reexamination as the board may determine, or his name shall be removed from the roster of his class, and he shall cease to be considered as a certified brother.

REG. 29-8 APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT LECTURERS. The Board of Custodians, on recommendation by the Grand Lecturer, shall nominate and the Grand Master shall appoint District Deputy Grand Lecturers to serve the several masonic districts established from time to time by the Grand Master pursuant to 26-1.

1. No more than two districts may be assigned to one District Deputy Grand Lecturer.
2. A District Deputy Grand Lecturer need not reside in any district assigned to him.
3. No appointment of a District Deputy Grand Lecturer shall extend beyond the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.
4. District Deputy Grand Lecturers shall not be installed.
5. A District Deputy Grand Lecturer must and remain a Certified Lecturer throughout his tenure.
6. District Deputy Grand Lecturers shall not be compensated for their services as such.
7. Subject to the following limitations a District Deputy Grand Lecturer may be reimbursed for his actual and necessary travel expense when approved by the Grand Lecturer.
   A. The rate of the reimbursement for mileage shall be determined by the Committee on Finance and approved by the Board of General Purposes.
   B. He shall not be reimbursed for more than two visits to each lodge in his district during a calendar year.
   C. Before December tenth each year each District Deputy Grand Lecturer shall file an itemized account of his expense with the Grand

Lecturer for his approval, and if approved, the Grand Lecturer shall file the same with the Grand Secretary before December twentieth.

REG. 29-9 DUTIES OF DISTRICT LECTURERS. The duties of a District Deputy Grand Lecturer shall be as follows.

1. Promote the lecture service and the education work in his district.
2. Work with make reports to the District Deputy Grand Master as to the progress of Masonic Education in his district.
3. Visit the subordinate lodges when required, inspect their ritualistic work, advise and instruct them therein, see that they properly practice the Authorized Work of the Grand Lodge, correct their errors, and generally supervise, direct, advance, and promote the lecture service among the lodges and members in his jurisdiction.
4. To encourage candidates for examination for proficiency in the ritualistic work. [29-7].
5. To arrange for and conduct Schools of Instruction in the ritualistic work in his district as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Custodians. Each lodge in the district shall actively participate in at least two Schools of Instruction each calendar year. Ritualistic work done in or by one lodge only shall not constitute a School of Instruction.
6. To cooperate fully with the District Deputy Grand Master of any district assigned to him in promoting the Lecture Service and schools of instruction in such district.
7. To file a written report with the Grand Lecturer and with the District Deputy Grand Master on the ritualistic work of each lodge in his district with such recommendations as he may consider proper. The report shall be filed before January fifteenth each year.
8. To perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Grand Master, the Board of Custodians, or the Grand Lecturer.
9. A brother who has served faithfully and performed his duties as District Deputy Grand Lecturer shall be eligible to succeed himself for two additional successive terms and may serve such additional terms thereafter as may be necessary and advisable.
10. On recommendation of the Board of Custodians and with the approval of the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge, by a majority vote, may grant the honorary title of Past District Deputy Grand Lecturer to a brother who has served three appointments as a District Deputy Grand Lecturer. [11-4].

REG. 29-10 LECTURE SERVICE. The Board of Custodians shall have charge of, direct, and promote the Lecture Service in this Grand Jurisdiction. The term *Lecture Service* comprehends the plan promulgated by the Board of Custodians by which official instruction in the Authorized Work is given to the officers and members of subordinate lodges.

1. The Board of Custodians is authorized, empowered, and directed, to make such rules and regulations for the government of ritualistic instruction as will best and most efficiently promote, extend, and encourage ritualistic proficiency in the subordinate lodges and the membership.
2. Rules for the Government of the Lecture Service may be adopted, modified, or amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Custodians at any regular meeting of the Board.
3. Each subordinate Lodge shall engage the services of a Certified Lecturer

for Lecture Service as required by the Rules for the Government of the Lecture Service.

4. The Board of Custodians regulations shall establish compensation for services and expenses for the Grand Lodge Lecture Service subject to the following limitations. [17-5.5].
   A. No financial commitments or engagements on behalf of the Grand Lodge shall exceed the amount that may be authorized by the Grand Lodge from time to time.
   B. The Board of Custodians shall present for adoption by the Grand Lodge at each annual Communication, a resolution establishing the amount of fee a lodge may receive as reimbursement for Lecture Service.
5. No brother shall be authorized to instruct in the ritualistic work of the Grand Lodge Lecture Service unless he is a Certified Lecturer whose certificate as such is in full force and effect. This paragraph shall not apply to instruction of a lodge by any of its own members. [17-5.5].
6. Subordinate lodges shall refuse to hear lectures on ritualistic work or to receive instruction therein from unauthorized lecturers. The Grand Lodge will hold them strictly accountable for violating this regulation. No subordinate lodge or Master in this jurisdiction shall furnish credentials in favor of an unauthorized lecturer.

REG. 29-11 CERTIFICATES. No lodge nor any brother shall issue any certificate or letter of proficiency in the Authorized Work or any part thereof.

1. A subordinate lodge may present a Certificate of Proficiency to a member who has satisfactorily passed an examination in open lodge on the Third Degree catechism. The form of this certificate shall be established by the Board of Custodians.
2. The Board of Custodians may present a Certificate of Certified Lecturer or a Certificate of Certified Instructor to a member who has satisfactorily passed a thorough examination in the ritualistic work conducted under and by the authority and direction of the Board of Custodians.
3. The Board of Custodians may present a Certificate of Special Recognition known as "Laudamus" to those Certified Lecturers of the highest grade or class who maintained their proficiency in that grade or class for fifteen consecutive years.

REG. 29-12 UNAUTHORIZED WORK. The use of improper and unauthorized books is pernicious in its influence. The use of such books within this jurisdiction for instruction or in any ritualistic work will be regarded a high offense, the charter of any lodge so offending shall be arrested, and any brother so offending shall be expelled for so doing. No part of the Work shall be omitted, abridged, or shortened except as authorized by the Grand Lodge. No ritual or *ceremonial* may be used except that approved by the Grand Lodge, or as authorized in Regulation 24-1.6. [86-2.56; 43-3.8, 43-3.9; 86-2.9]

REG. 29-13 REGALIA. No robes or regalia shall be used in conferring the Symbolic degrees unless approved by the Board of Custodians, and such approval may be revoked or changed by said board. [71-16].

CHAPTER 30

Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Research and Development

REG. 30-1 MEMBERS. The Committee on Masonic Research and Development shall consist of ten members.

1. The Grand Master shall be a member of the committee.
2. At each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall appoint three qualified brethren each to serve for three years. [27-1.3.N; 27-6].

REG. 30-2 CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY. The Committee shall elect its chairman at the first meeting following the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. The committee shall elect a Secretary who need not be from its membership but who shall be a member of a subordinate lodge obedient to the Grand Lodge; and if the Secretary is not a member of the Committee, he shall not have a vote. [27-6; 27-7.7; 27-7.8].

REG. 30-3 QUORUM. A quorum of the Committee shall consist of five members. Business shall be transacted only by a majority of its members present at a proper meeting and not by correspondence. [27-7].

REG. 30-4 MEETINGS. Regular meetings of the Committee shall be held at the place and hour designated by the Chairman or Grand Master in each January, March, June and September and as often as necessary upon the call of the Grand Master or the Chairman.

REG. 30-5 VACANCY. In the event of a vacancy in the Committee by death or for any other cause, the Grand Master shall fill the vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term.

REG. 30-6 DUTIES, POWER, AND AUTHORITY. The duties, power, and authority of the Committee shall be as follows.

1. To investigate and evaluate innovative methods of presenting Masonic Subjects to individuals, lodges and other groups.
2. To propose, conduct, investigate and evaluate Masonic Research.
3. To present and critically discuss Research Papers at regional and area meetings under its sponsorship.
4. To publish its findings or selected papers.
5. To provide a Speakers Bureau for North Carolina Masonic Lodges.
6. To provide innovative Leadership Development Workshops or Seminars for officers of subordinate lodges.

REG. 30-7 SUBSCRIBING MEMBERS. The Committee is authorized in its discretion to establish a roster of "subscribing members" who shall be entitled to receive "papers" or publications produced by the Committee for an annual fee to be determined by the Committee. Such fees and other revenue obtained from its activities shall support the cost of its publications. Any project requiring funding from the Grand Lodge shall be recommended by the Committee on Finance and approved by the Board of General Purposes or the Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER 31

Lodge Service Commission

REG. 31-1 MEMBERS. The Lodge Service Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Grand Master as follows: [27-1.2.A; 27-6; 27-7.8].

1. Each member of the commission shall be a Past Master of a subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction well versed in the law of this Grand Lodge and in the usages and customs of the Craft and shall be experienced in handling business matters pertaining to subordinate lodges.
2. At each annual communication the Grand Master shall appoint one qualified brother to serve for five years, and at the same time he shall also name the chairman of the commission.
3. In the event of a vacancy on the commission by death or for any other cause the Grand Master shall fill the vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term.

REG. 31-2 MEETINGS. The commission shall meet upon call of the Grand Master or the chairman, and its business may be transacted by correspondence.

REG. 31-3 QUORUM. A quorum shall consist of three members.

REG. 31-4 DUTIES, POWERS, AND AUTHORITY. The duties, powers, and authority of the Lodge Service Commission shall be as follows.

1. To investigate any matter, subject, or thing pertaining to the affairs, operation, working, or conduct of subordinate lodges not within the scope of any other board, committee, or commission, of the Grand Lodge as provided in THE CODE, which may be referred to it by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. Such investigation may be made by one or more members of the commission duly designated by the chairman or it may be made by the entire commission, but the report shall be made by at least a majority of the commission.
2. To report to the Grand Master and to the Grand Lodge all the facts pertinent to any inquiry or investigation with such recommendations as the commission may deem proper.
3. To consider and act upon all applications of lodges or brethren in connection with or relating to lodge building programs as set forth in Regulation 43-8.
4. To authorize and approve the use of the masonic name and emblem by a cemetery, temple association hospital, employment bureau, relief organization, or charitable enterprise controlled and conducted wholly by Masons or by Masonry. [86-2.46]
5. To call for and examine any record, book, or account of any subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction which may be the object of or within the scope of its investigation; to order and require the attendance of any Masonic witness, as may be necessary or advisable to the proper discharge of its duties. All the powers and authority set forth in this paragraph are to be exercised under the direction of the Grand Master.

CHAPTER 32

Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities

REG. 32-1 MEMBERS. The Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities shall consist of three members to be nominated by the Board of General Purposes and elected by the Grand Lodge as follows. [27-1.3.P; 27-6; 27-7.8].

1. Each member of the committee shall be a Past Master of a subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction well versed in the law of this Grand Lodge and in the usages and customs of the Craft and shall be experienced in handling business matters pertaining to subordinate lodges.
2. At each annual communication the Board of General Purposes shall nominate one qualified brother to serve for three years. The Committee shall elect its chairman.
   In the event of a vacancy on the committee by death or for any other cause the Grand Master shall fill the vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term.

REG. 32-2 MEETINGS. The committee shall meet upon call of the Grand Master or Chairman and its business may be transacted by correspondence.

REG. 32-3 QUORUM. A quorum shall consist of two members.

REG. 32-4 DUTIES, POWERS, AND AUTHORITY. The duties, powers, and authority of the Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities shall be as follows.

1. To investigate any matter, subject or thing pertaining to fund raising activities by subordinate lodges. Such investigation may be made by one or more members of the committee, but the report shall be made by at least a majority of the committee.
2. To adopt from time to time such rules as may be necessary to govern fund raising activities as provided in Reg. 43-12.3.B.
3. To report to the Grand Master and to the Grand Lodge all the facts pertinent to any inquiry or investigation with recommendations as the committee may deem proper.
4. To consider and act upon all applications of lodges or brethren in connection with or relating to fund raising activities as provided in Reg. 43-12.3.B.
5. To call for and examine any record, book, or account of any subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction which may be the object of or within the scope of its investigation; to order and require the attendance of any Masonic witness, as may be necessary or advisable to the proper discharge of its duties. All the powers and authority set forth in this paragraph are to be exercised under the direction of the Grand Master.

CHAPTER 33

Code Commission

REG. 33-1 MEMBERS. The Code Commission shall be composed of three members appointed by the Grand Master.

1. The Grand Master shall name the chairman of said commission.
2. At each annual communication of the Grand Lodge the Grand Master shall appoint one member to serve for three years.
3. Each member of the commission shall be well informed in the law and usage of Masonry and of this Grand Jurisdiction in particular, and shall have been a Past Master at least five years prior to his appointment. [27-6; 27-7].

REG. 33-2 DUTIES, POWERS, AND AUTHORITY. The duties, powers, and authority of the Code Commission shall be as follows.

1. To prepare and supervise the printing and distribution of all amendments to THE CODE made from time to time.
2. To perform such other duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Grand Lodge. They may transact their business by correspondence.

CHAPTER 34

Grand Lodge Committees

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence

REG. 34-1 MEMBERS. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence shall consist of fifteen members, each of whom shall be a Past Master and shall be well informed in Masonic law. [27-6].

1. The following officers of the Grand Lodge shall be members of the Committee during their respective terms of office:

   The Deputy Grand Master,
   The Senior Grand Warden, and
   The Junior Grand Warden.

2. In addition to the above members, there shall be twelve qualified members to be nominated by the Grand Master elect and confirmed by the Grand Lodge.
   A. At each Annual Communication, the Grand Master-elect shall nominate four members, each of whom shall serve for three years when confirmed by the Grand Lodge.
   B. In the event of a vacancy on this Committee the Grand Master shall fill the vacancy until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, when the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term on nomination of the Grand Master elect and confirmation of the Grand Lodge.
   C. Subsequent to the election of officers of the Grand Lodge as provided in Chapter 12, and prior to the close of Grand Lodge, the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence shall elect its Chairman from its membership.

REG. 34-2 MATTERS REFERRED. Matters which shall be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence and its duties relative to these and other things are as follows.

1. All proposals to amend the written law of the Grand Lodge shall be referred to the committee.
   A. It shall report its recommendations for action thereon to the Grand Lodge.
   B. It shall see that all such proposals, except those to amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, do not conflict with the provisions of that Constitution.
2. All decisions, opinions, and rulings of the Grand Master on matters of Masonic law and usage shall be referred to the committee. If in the opinion of the committee a point has been decided by the Grand Master which is not, but which should be made, a part of the written law and decision be not in proper form therefor, the committee shall put it in proper form and submit it with its recommendations to the Grand Lodge. [8-6.4].
3. The committee shall consider and report to the Grand Lodge on all other matters of legal significance referred to it by the Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master. [13-5.2].

Committee on Finance

REG. 34-3 MEMBERS. The Committee on Finance shall consist of twelve members. [27-6].

1. The following officers of the Grand Lodge shall be members of the Committee during their respective terms of office:
   The Deputy Grand Master,
   The Senior Grand Warden, and
   The Junior Grand Warden.
2. Nine members of the committee shall be nominated by the Grand Master elect and confirmed by the Grand Lodge as follows.
   A. At each Annual Communication, the Grand Master elect shall nominate three members, each of whom shall serve for three years when confirmed by the Grand Lodge.
   B. In the event of a vacancy on the committee the Grand Master shall fill the vacancy until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge when the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term on nomination of the Grand Master elect and confirmation of the Grand Lodge.
   C. Subsequent to the election of officers of the Grand Lodge as provided in Chapter 12, and prior to the close of Grand Lodge, the committee shall elect its Chairman from its membership.
3. The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary shall attend, without the right to vote, all meetings of the Finance Committee, except when either may be requested to excuse himself by a majority vote of the members of the committee present. Their duties to the Finance Committee will be to advise and to provide financial information that is available only to them and through them in their official capacity.

REG. 34-4 MATTERS REFERRED. Matters which shall be referred to the Committee on Finance and its duties relative to these and other things are as follows.

1. All questions of a monetary character, affecting the interest of the Grand Lodge. [13-5.2; 21-2; 36-6; 27-7.2; 36-10.23.D; 36-10.23.E; 36-10.23.F].
2. The financial statements of all officers, boards, commissions and committees of the Grand Lodge and of those institutions or agencies operated by the Grand Lodge. [2-6.5; 22-1].

REG. 34-5 DUTIES AND POWERS. The duties and powers of the Committee on Finance are as follows.

1. To examine in its discretion the books, accounts, records, and other financial matters of any officer, board, commission, or committee of the Grand Lodge or of any institution or agency in which the Grand Lodge may have an interest. [22-1.1].
2. To prepare annually and present to the Grand Lodge for its action a budget of estimated income and expenditures of the Grand Lodge for each calendar year which shall contain a comparison item by item of the proposed budget with the income and expenditures for the preceding calendar year, listing each expenditure under its proper heading, with its recommendation for the amount of each as it may deem necessary therefor. The budget as adopted by the Grand Lodge shall be approved for the expenditure of such sums for their respective purposes as therein specified and indicated unless otherwise provided in said report. Any salaries or

other compensation set up in an approved budget shall be the amount authorized for the year and for the purpose named therein. [2-6.5; 21-2].

3. For the period from January first through April thirtieth of each year, one-third of the amounts named in the budget for the preceding year shall be deemed to apply for such expenses as salaries, rent, insurance, office expenses, office supplies, lecture service, travel expenses for the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, and other like fixed charges for usual operating expenses but specifically excluding any appropriations for charity, donations, or other travel expense, which may fall due during that period, the payment whereof shall be deemed authorized by the Grand Lodge unless otherwise provided. The Committee on Finance may vary the provisions of this subdivision in its report.

Committee on Appeals

REG. 34-6 MEMBERS. The Committee on Appeals shall consist of five members all of whom shall be Masters or Past Masters in good standing and well informed in Masonic law. After they are duly nominated by the Grand Master and confirmed by the Grand Lodge. [27-1.3.C; 27-4; 27-6; 27-7; 27-7.7; 27-7.8].

1. One member of this committee shall be nominated by the Grand Master for confirmation at each annual communication to serve for five years.
2. A vacancy in the Committee on Appeals occurring when the Grand Lodge is in recess shall be filled by the Grand Master until the next succeeding annual communication of the Grand Lodge when the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term on nomination of the Grand Master elect and confirmation of the Grand Lodge.

REG. 34-7 MATTERS REFERRED. The Committee on Appeals shall consider and report with its recommendations on:

1. All appeals to the Grand Lodge by individuals or lodges from the decision or acts of Trial Commissions, all appeals from the decisions of any subordinate lodge, the Master of a lodge, or the Grand Master, in matters of Masonic discipline only; [58-3; 8-3; 8-3.4; Chapter 98].
2. All petitions for restoration to membership after expulsion or suspension for unmasonic conduct; [Chapter 101].
3. All other matters required by law or matters which may be referred to it by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge; and [58-3].
4. Any appeal arising out of the arrest of a charter. [41-11; 41-12].

Committee on Charters and Dispensations

REG. 34-8 MEMBERS. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations shall be composed of five members appointed annually.

REG. 34-9 MATTERS REFERRED. The following matters shall be referred to this committee: [27-1.3.D; 27-6; 27-7; 27-7.7; 27-7.8].

1. All petitions to change the name or location of a subordinate lodge; [40-2, 40-3; 41-3].
2. All petitions for duplicate charters; [41-4].
3. All petitions for charters by lodges under dispensation; and [40-1.1].

4. All petitions to change territorial jurisdiction of lodges. [42-3.1].

REG. 34-10 DUTIES. The duties of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations shall be as follows.

1. To consider and report to the Grand Lodge with their recommendations on all matters referred to it. [42-3.1].
2. To examine the records of proceedings and work done by each lodge under dispensation and to make a report to the Grand Lodge on the correctness and regularity thereof, together with recommendations, and such information as it deems pertinent which may include the opinion of the committee as to the proficiency in the ritualistic work, knowledge of the law, and disposition to obey it, of the lodge under dispensation. If a charter is recommended in its report, it shall state the name, number and location, as well as the names, in full, of the first three principal officers of the new lodge. [39-2.6.E; 40-1.1; Chapter 40].

Other Committees

REG. 34-11 FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE. The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence shall be composed of one member appointed annually. [27-1.3.E; 27-6; 27-7].

1. He shall examine the printed or written proceedings of other Grand Lodges in fraternal correspondence with this Grand Lodge and to submit a written report at each annual communication of such parts as he considers will be of general interest to the Craft in this jurisdiction and his opinion of the general condition of Masonry throughout the world. This report shall not be acted upon or adopted by the Grand Lodge except his recommendations therein as to recognition of grand bodies and the statements made and the opinions expressed therein are to be considered those of the brother making the report and not the opinion or act of the Grand Lodge. [16-1.33].
2. He shall furnish the Grand Secretary on or before March fifteenth of each year a legible copy of his report which shall be printed prior to the annual communication for the use of the officers and members present. The report of this committee shall be printed as a supplement in the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, provided, it is presented at the annual communication as provided for in this regulation.
3. He shall inquire into the character and status of all grand bodies which may hereafter apply for recognition to ascertain whether or not they comply fully with Section 6-1 and report his findings in detail with his recommendations thereon.

REG. 34-12 CHARITY. The Committee on Charity shall consist of one member appointed annually. [27-1.3.F; 34-10; 27-7].

1. He shall investigate all applications for assistance from the charity fund of the Grand Lodge, and to draw upon the same through the Grand Secretary for such amounts as in his judgment are necessary. [61-2.5].
2. He shall report to the Grand Lodge annually all disbursements made by him during the calendar year.

REG. 34-13 CREDENTIALS. The Committee on Credentials shall be composed of three members appointed annually. [27-1.3.G; 27-6; 27-7; 27-7.8].

1. The committee shall examine carefully and pass upon the credentials of all

Masons claiming the right of membership in the Grand Lodge unless the communication be one for ceremony only. [3-4; 18-3; 18-4; 18-7.1].

2. The committee shall properly list on a register the names of all grand officers and members and the name of each representative present with the name and number of his lodge and his official position, if any, therein. [18-7].
3. The committee shall require a written commission signed by the officer he represents from each member presenting himself as a proxy. [3-4; 18-7.1; 19-5;, Official Form 43].
4. The committee shall prepare and report a roll of members attending a communication of the Grand Lodge for the transaction of business but not one for ceremony only.
5. The committee shall supervise a vote in the Grand Lodge by a call of the roll when such vote is demanded. [Chapter 19].

REG. 34-14 NECROLOGY. The Committee on Necrology shall be composed of one member appointed annually. It shall be his duty to make a fitting report in writing at the annual communication relating to deceased brethren. This report shall not be acted upon or adopted by the Grand Lodge, but it shall be received, entered on the record, and printed as a transaction of the Grand Lodge in the Annual Proceedings. The Grand Lodge shall have a Memorial Service at each Annual Communication. For this purpose the Grand Master may appoint additional members to the Committee on Necrology as its Chairman may request. [27-1.3.H; 27-6].

REG. 34-15 BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES. The Committee on By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges shall consist of one member, well versed in Masonic jurisprudence and usage, appointed annually. [27-1.3.I; 27-6; 27-7].

1. He shall examine the by-laws of subordinate lodges and all amendments thereto which may be submitted to him and which shall not be effective until approved by this committee. The decision of this committee shall be conclusive until reversed or modified by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master. [43-10; 59-12.20].
2. He shall report annually to the Grand Lodge, giving the names and numbers of the lodges whose by-laws or amendments thereto have been passed upon, indicating those approved and those disapproved with the dates of such action. The committee shall not include in its report the details of any such by-law or amendment thereto.
3. To have and use a seal to be affixed to all official documents bearing his decision. He may conduct his business by correspondence. [89-15].

REG. 34-16 UNFINISHED BUSINESS. The Committee on Unfinished Business shall be composed of one member, appointed annually. [16-1.17; 27-1.3.J; 27-6; 27-7].

1. He shall examine the proceedings and records of the preceding annual communication and subsequent intervening emergent communications, if any, and to report whether or not any unfinished business left over from the previous communications requires the attention of the Grand Lodge.
2. The report of this committee shall be filed with the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary not later than March fifteenth each year, and it shall be printed in the pamphlet containing the Grand Master's report for distribution to the members of the Grand Lodge at the annual communication.

It shall not be adopted or passed upon by the Grand Lodge, but it shall be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes and by it referred to such boards, commissions, committees, or other agencies of the Grand Lodge as may be interested in the subject matter. [16-1.17].

REG. 34-17 MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME. The Committee on Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated, shall consist of five members appointed annually. It shall be the duty of this committee personally to visit the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, and to examine the condition of its property, the management of its business, and the reports of its officers and directors. The committee shall observe and keep advised as to its management and such other matters, facts and information as may be proper to consider in a report to the Grand Lodge. It shall report its findings with its recommendations to the Grand Lodge at its annual communication. [27-1.3.K; 27-6; 27-7; 27-7.7; 27-7.8].

REG. 34-18 MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN. The Committee on Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc. shall consist of five members appointed annually. It shall be the duty of this committee personally to visit the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, Inc. and to examine the condition of its property, the management of its business, and the reports of its officers and directors. The committee shall observe and keep advised as to its management and such other matters, facts, and information as may be proper to consider in a report to the Grand Lodge. It shall report its finding with its recommendations to the Grand Lodge at its annual communication. [27-1.3.L; 27-6; 27-7; 27-7.7; 27-7.8]

REG. 34-19 MISCELLANEOUS CEREMONIES. The Committee on Miscellaneous Masonic Ceremonies shall consist of five members to be appointed annually. The Grand Master shall name the chairman.

1. This committee shall consider and report to the Grand Lodge on any proposal to institute, revise, repeal, or amend any Masonic Ceremony described in Regulation 34-19.2, together with the Protocol. [13-4.6; 27-1.3.M; 27-4; 39-8; Chapters 55, 82, and 84].
2. No ritual or form of Masonic ceremonies for consecrating, constituting, or instituting lodges, for dedicating lodge halls, for installing officers of the Grand Lodge or a subordinate lodge, for conducting funerals, for laying cornerstones or for any ceremonial, or for any other purpose not provided by law, shall be performed in this Grand Jurisdiction until it has been approved by the Grand Lodge. Such ceremonies are not a part of the Authorized Work. [13-4.6; 24-1; 27-1.3.M; 34-19; 39-8; Chapters 55, 82, 84].

REG. 34-20 BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS. The Board of Publications shall consist of five members. One member of this committee shall be nominated each year by the Grand Master for confirmation by the Board of General Purposes to serve a five year term. A vacancy shall be filled by nomination of the Grand Master and confirmation by the Board of General Purposes for the unexpired term. It shall be the duty of this Committee to establish the policies of the publication, to select the editor, who in turn will select his staff. The committee shall have charge and supervision of the publication. The committee shall recommend to the Committee on Finance the compensation of the editor and his staff. [27-1.1.C].

REG. 34-21 PERMANENT BUILDING. The Committee on Permanent Building shall consist of three members. One member of this committee shall be appointed each year by the Grand Master to serve for three years. A vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Grand Master for the unexpired term. This Committee shall have general charge and supervision of the Grand Lodge Building, furnishings, equipment and grounds, and shall have under its charge and supervision the upkeep, maintenance and preservation of the same. Anticipated expenses shall be submitted to the Committee on Finance to be included in the annual budget. Emergency expenditures can be authorized by the Board of General Purposes or the Grand Master. [27-1.3.N].

REG. 34-22 MASONIC PUBLIC RELATIONS. The Committee on Masonic Public Relations shall consist of five members. One member of this committee shall be appointed each year by the Grand Master to serve for five years. A vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Grand Master for the unexpired term. This committee shall develop and implement programs designed to increase public awareness of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction and through appropriate methods to make the public aware of the good effects and purposes of the Masonic Fraternity. [27-1.3.P]

CHAPTER 35

The North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Incorporated

REG. 35-1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Incorporated, a corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, shall be managed by a board of five directors elected, as provided in its charter, by the Grand Lodge. [27-4; 27-7; 21-5].

1. The period of service of the members of this board is arranged in such manner that the term of one of them expires at each successive annual communication, at which time the Grand Lodge shall elect his successor for a term of five years. Each director shall continue to serve until his successor shall have been elected and shall have assumed his duties as a director.
2. Each director shall be and remain a resident of the State of North Carolina and a member in good standing in a subordinate lodge holding charter under the Grand Lodge. Removal from the State of North Carolina or ceasing to be a member in good and regular standing in a subordinate lodge shall be equivalent to resignation from the Board of Directors. [27-6].
3. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment of the Grand Master until the next regular annual communication of the Grand Lodge at which time the Grand Lodge shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.
4. The Grand Lodge may at any time by a two-thirds majority vote declare vacant the office of any or all members of the Board of Directors and may elect successors to serve the unexpired term of any member whose office shall be declared vacant.

REG. 35-2 CUSTODIAN. The North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Incorporated, is hereby named custodian of such funds and other property of the Grand Lodge as have been, or hereafter may be, placed in its charge. In the absence of specific instructions of the Grand Lodge, and except where otherwise expressly directed by a will, deed of gift, or instrument of trust, if any, this foundation shall manage and control, invest and reinvest all such funds as the Board of Directors in its discretion may deem proper and for the best interest of the Grand Lodge, always with the view of safety of the principal, rather than the amount of income received.

1. The said Foundation, its officers, agents, and directors shall punctually and fully obey and observe all orders, dispositions, instructions, and directives given to them, from time to time, by the Grand Lodge in regard to the funds, securities, or other property belonging to the Grand Lodge in their care and under their control.
2. It shall keep and maintain such separate funds as the Grand Lodge may direct from time to time and it shall render a proper and separate accounting for each such fund.
3. It shall annually, or oftener if required by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge, make a report to each of them, setting forth in detail the transactions affecting each of the funds in its charge, giving an itemized inventory of all items of money, securities, and other property in its care together with a full and clear accounting of its assets and liabilities and such other information as may be of interest to the Grand Lodge.

REG. 35-3 CONDITIONAL GIFTS. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed so as to interfere with the provisions in a will, a deed of gift, a deed of trust, or other instrument or the conditions of a gift, under which the Grand Lodge shall receive a legacy or gift, requiring or directing the investment of such fund or gift in any specific securities, or directing the continuance of any investment which is the subject of a trust.

REG. 35-4 NO LOANS TO ANY MASONIC BODY. The funds of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation shall not be loaned directly or indirectly to any Masonic body. [60-6].

CHAPTER 36

Parliamentary Usage in the Grand Lodge

REG. 36-1 CIVIL PARLIAMENTARY USAGE. The parliamentary usage of civil deliberative bodies is not recognized in Masonry except so far as it does not conflict with the well established Masonic customs.

REG. 36-2 MASONIC PARLIAMENTARY USAGE. The parliamentary usage of Masonry is something peculiar unto itself. Its outlines are to be found in the Ancient Constitutions, Rules of Order, and the laws of the Grand Lodge.

REG. 36-3 SOLE OBJECT OF ALL DEBATE. The sole object of all debate in the Grand Lodge or in subordinate lodges is to elicit decisions which shall be for the good of the Craft. Hence, all questions under discussion must be positively determined at the time, or final action must be postponed to a definitely stated time when the question must again be resumed and finally decided. [45-23.7;45-23.13].

REG. 36-4 OBSTRUCTIVE MOTIONS FORBIDDEN. The formation of a *committee of the whole,* the call for the *previous question,* and all obstructive motions are forbidden. This applies to subordinate lodges as well as the Grand Lodge. [Chapter 91].

REG. 36-5 DEBATE CLOSED. Debate shall be closed at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master or by the Grand Lodge, but by the latter only after debate has lasted as long as ten minutes. [36-10.7.A].

REG. 36-6 ALL BUSINESS MUST BE REFERRED. The Grand Lodge shall not make final disposition of or act upon business of any kind which has not been referred to, and reported upon by, a board, commission, or committee, except by unanimous consent. [13-2.15; 36-6; 27-7.4]

REG. 36-7 MATTERS AND SUBJECTS OF POLICY. All matters and subjects of policy whether proposed by resolution, motion report, or the address of the Grand Master shall first be referred to, considered, and reported on by the Board of General Purposes before action is taken by the Grand Lodge, or by any other board, committee, or commission of the Grand Lodge. [21-2; 28-3.1; 5-7.1].

REG. 36-8 QUESTIONS OF JURISPRUDENCE. All questions of Masonic jurisprudence and amendments to THE CODE shall be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. [34-1].

REG. 36-9 APPROPRIATIONS. No motion, resolution, report, or other act carrying or providing for an appropriation of money shall be passed by the Grand Lodge until after it has been referred to, considered by, and reported on by the Committee on Finance, except by unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge. [13-5.2; 21-2; 36-6; 27-7.2; 36-10.23.D; 36-10.23.E; 36-10.23.F].

REG. 36-10 RULES OF ORDER. The following shall be the Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge:

1. At the first stroke of the Grand Master's gavel there shall be order; any breach thereof shall subject the offender to reprimand. The Grand Deacons and the Grand Marshal may move from place to place in the discharge of their duties.
2. No brother shall speak more than once on the same question without permission from the Grand Master, except the brother who presents a motion, resolution, or other measure who shall be entitled to make the closing address.
3. Any brother after being twice called to order at one session for transgressing these rules, on committing the third offense may be peremptorily ordered to leave the lodge room for that day or dealt with as provided for in Chapter 100 for contempt. [100-4].
4. A brother who desires to speak shall rise, address himself to the "Most Worshipful Grand Master," distinctly state his name and the name and number of his lodge, and remain silent until he is recognized, by name and lodge, by the Grand Master. No member shall interrupt him unless to call him to order, but after he has been set right, he may proceed if he observes due order and decorum. No brother shall speak until he is recognized by the Grand Master.
5. All reports of officers, boards, commissions, and committees of the Grand Lodge shall be submitted in writing, in duplicate, to the Grand Secretary and shall be signed by at least a majority of a board, commission, or committee, *provided*, that a dissenting minority may also present a report in similar form and manner. [1-1.3; 27-7.2].
6. Every proposition submitted to the Grand Lodge for consideration shall be reduced to writing, as provided in the preceding paragraph, and referred to an appropriate committee.
7. Only the following motions, and in the order given, shall be entertained on a subject under consideration:
   A. To close debate, [13-2.3; 36-5].
   B. To refer,
   C. To postpone to the next annual communication,
   D. To postpone to a certain time during the present communication, and
   E. To amend or substitute.
8. The following motions are not debatable:
   A. To close debate, and
   B. To reconsider a vote on any of the motions defined in Regulation 36-10.7.
9. No motion shall be debatable until seconded and stated by the Grand Master, after which it shall be in the possession of the Grand Lodge, it cannot be withdrawn prior to decision or amendment except by the mover with the consent of the second.
10. The question after being put by the Grand Master cannot be debated.
11. In declaring the result of a ballot by show of hands or by standing, as provided in Regulation 19-1.2, the Grand Master shall say: "It appears to the chair that the motion (or resolution) is carried (or lost, as the case may be)"; he shall then pause for a demand for a division or a vote by written ballot as may be permitted by that regulation and if there is no such demand, he shall then say: "The motion is carried (or lost as the case may be)." [19-1].
12. A motion to postpone can be entertained only once during the same stage of consideration of a question.

13. An amendment or a substitution shall be germane to the proposition under consideration. If either is lost, another one substantially the same shall not be entertained at that communication except by two-thirds vote.
14. Only one amendment and one amendment thereto shall be entertained at the same time.
15. A substitute motion shall be open for amendment until adopted.
16. When an amendment to THE CODE is being considered an amendment thereto or a substitute therefor, if germane to the subject, shall be in order. [10-1.5].
17. Upon demand of any member there shall be a division of a question if it can be divided. Division is taken by a standing vote. [19-1.2].
18. A motion for the reconsideration of any vote upon any amendment after final vote on the main proposition may be made only by a member who voted with the majority. There cannot be a reconsideration of the vote for election of officers. [19-7; 63-15].
19. A motion for reconsideration shall be made on the day on which the vote is taken. If not *acted upon* that day, it shall fall unless consideration thereof is postponed until a subsequent day of the same communication. [19-7].
20. A final vote on any motion or proposition disposes of all other motions or propositions substantially upon the same subject. No other motion or proposition in whole or in part, substantially the same, may be acted upon at the same communication.
21. An appeal to the Grand Lodge from a decision of the Grand Master upon any question of order or procedure arising in the Grand Lodge shall be entertained and decided by a majority vote.
22. In voting by show of hands or by standing, Regulation 19-1.2 shall be fully observed.
23. Proposals on the following subjects shall not be considered if presented *after* twelve o'clock noon of the second day of the annual communication. [Chapter 11].
    A. Proposals to amend, revise, or repeal THE CODE or any part thereof. Any such proposal shall be carried over to the next annual communication, as provided in Chapter 11.
    B. Proposals to change the day, hour, or place for the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. [18-1].
    C. Proposals to restore a suspended or expelled Mason. [98-1; 101-7].
    D. Proposals to introduce a resolution or report appropriating money or a subject matter which in any way relates to the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge. [34-3.1; 5-7.1].
    E. Proposals to present any account or claim against the Grand Lodge, other than for the necessary current expenses or disbursements of the Grand Lodge. [34-3.1].
    F. Proposals to create, to increase, or otherwise to change the compensation of a grand officer. [21-2; 34-3.1].
24. Nothing in these rules shall be construed so as to interfere with the prerogatives of the Grand Master.
25. All matters before the Grand Lodge shall be determined by a majority vote unless otherwise provided by law.
26. On matters not repugnant to THE CODE, to the established usage and custom of the Craft, or to these rules, Robert's *Rules of Order* shall govern.
27. Any of these rules may be suspended by a two-thirds vote, unless the rule

is contained in another Chapter of THE CODE and no provision is made there for its suspension. [7-5].

CHAPTER 37

Opening and Order of Business at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge

REG. 37-1 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION. The Grand Master, or the acting Grand Master as provided in Regulation 11-10, shall call the Grand Lodge to order, and the following order of business and procedure shall be observed except as provided in Regulation 38-2.

1. Opening session.
   a. Call to Order and Presentation of Colors.
   b. Reception of the Grand Master and the other Grand Lodge Officers.
   c. Opening Grand Lodge.
   d. Reception of distinguished visitors.
   e. Reception of Past Grand Masters.
   f. Address of the Grand Orator.
   g. Report of the Grand Treasurer.
   h. Report of the Grand Secretary.
   i. Report of other Grand Officers, Boards, Commissions, and Committees.
   j. Miscellaneous business.
   k. Unfinished business.
2. Second session, first day. (18-8).
   a. Report of the Committee on Necrology and Memorial Service.
   b. Report of the Grand Master.
   c. Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Distribution of the Report of the Grand Master.
   d. Miscellaneous business.
3. First session, second day. (18-8)
   a. Report of the Committee on Finance.
   b. Report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
   c. Report of Boards, Commissions, and Committees.
   d. Motions or resolutions and reference or other disposition of the same.
   e. Report of the Committee on Credentials.
   f. Election of Grand Lodge Officers.
   g. Miscellaneous business.
   h. Final Report of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Final session. (18-8)
   a. Installation of Grand Lodge Officers.
   b. Reading and Approval of minutes.
   c. Closing of the Grand Lodge.

REG. 37-2 GRAND LODGE MAY VARY ORDER OF BUSINESS. Nothing in the foregoing shall prevent the Grand Lodge by a majority vote from varying the order of business as laid down in this chapter for the purposes of facilitating its work. (7-5; 38-1)

CHAPTER 38

Subordinate Lodge Defined

REG. 38-1 DEFINITION. A *lodge* is a society of Masons meeting by authority of a charter or warrant from a regular grand lodge for the purpose of doing Masonic work and transacting appropriate business. Unless the context indicates otherwise, the word *lodge* in this CODE shall be construed to refer to the particular lodges holding charters by authority of this Grand Lodge or to regular lodges under the jurisdiction of grand lodges recognized by this Grand Lodge. In Masonic terminology the word sometimes means the place or hall in which a particular lodge meets. [38-2; 86-2.51.E].

REG. 38-2 MINIMUM NUMBER OF MEMBERS. A subordinate lodge shall consist of not less than twenty Master Masons who are members of the lodge, one of whom is lawfully authorized to open and preside when duly assembled with the Holy Bible, Square, and Compasses, and a Charter, or a Dispensation or Warrant empowering them to work. [2-4; 4-1; 41-2; 45-8; 38-1, 87-14].

REG. 38-3 DISPENSATION, CHARTER, OR WARRANT. The term *Dispensation, Charter, or Warrant*, as used in THE CODE, usually means a formal document issued by order of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge granting certain Master Masons authority to function as a lodge, but also refer to the powers granted in the document. [4-1].

1. No lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction shall lawfully work unless a document called a *Dispensation, Charter, or Warrant*, lawfully issued to it, is then in effect, and is present at all communications of the lodge when opened on any degree.
2. At each communication the charter shall be in the lodge room or in an adjoining anteroom thereof, except at divine services, Masonic funerals, or the celebration of St. John's Day, or by dispensation of the Grand Master pursuant to Regulation 41-2 in the case of loss.
3. As provided in Regulation 41-8 a photographic copy of its charter duly attested by the Grand Secretary may be used by a lodge in lieu of the original charter, *provided*, that the photographic copy shall be made under the direction of the Grand Secretary, who shall prescribe its size and other details for uniformity, and the cost thereof shall be paid by the lodge requesting it. [4-1; 41-2; 41-8; 84-4.1].
4. Work done or election held in the absence of charter as provided in this Regulation illegal. [13-3.1; 38-3.1; 59-6; 41-2; 41-8; 59-2.22; 82-9; 84-4.1].

REG. 38-4 LOCATION OF A LODGE. The location of a lodge shall be within the limits of the specific city, town, village, or place designated in its dispensation, charter, or warrant; and if the location should not be a recognized geographical site to be found on current maps, then its location shall be designated or described in such manner that thereafter it may with certainty be found as the locus from which its territorial jurisdiction can be measured and ascertained. [39-2.4; 42-1; 45-7].

1. The location of a chartered lodge shall not be changed permanently unless authorized by the Grand Lodge, except as provided in Regulation 42-1.5. [13-3.8.G; 13-3.8; 41-5; 42-1.5; 42-3.1; 42-3; 45-7; 71-14].

2. A lodge which has not been chartered shall not change its location nor its meeting place except by dispensation of the Grand Master.[13-3.8.G; 39-11; 45-7; 71-14].

REG. 38-5 WHERE A LODGE MAY BE OPENED. A lodge shall not be opened or work in two places at the same time, nor at any time outside of the State of North Carolina, nor shall a lodge be opened or work outside of its territorial jurisdiction, except as provided by law; and except to conduct a Masonic burial service; and then only by consent of the Master of the lodge in whose jurisdiction interment is to be made. [13-3.8.G; 82-4; 82-9; Chapter 82].

REG. 38-6 OFFICIAL DESIGNATION. All subordinate lodges shall be designated Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of which the proper initials are A. F. & A. M.

CHAPTER 39

Lodge Under Dispensation

REG. 39-1 NINETY DAYS UNDER A DISPENSATION. A Masonic lodge at first shall work at least ninety days under authority of a dispensation granted by the Grand Lodge, or by the Grand Master during the recess of the Grand Lodge. In either case the dispensation must be issued by the Grand Master and shall continue in force until the charter is granted unless recalled sooner by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. [39-7.6; 39-7.7; 39-10.2; 39-13].

REG. 39-2 PETITION FOR DISPENSATION. The requirement for the issuance of a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge is a petition on the prescribed form signed by not less than twenty Master Masons setting forth the following information: [Official Form 1].

1. Each brother signing the petition shall sign his name in full over his typewritten name and give the name, number, and location of the subordinate lodge of which he is, or was last, a member.
2. The signers shall be residents of what would be the jurisdiction of the proposed lodge, and no one shall be the present Master or Warden of a subordinate lodge. [39-11; 39-4.5; 76-3.3].
3. The names of those selected to be the first Master and Wardens. The brother named in the petition as Master should be a Past Master. [39-7.3; 56-3].
4. The specific place and county in which the proposed lodge will be located. [38-4].
5. A brother who has been rejected for affiliation by any lodge anywhere shall not be eligible for six months thereafter to sign a petition for a new lodge within the state. [39-3, 39-9; 75-1.4].
6. Each petition for dispensation to form a new lodge shall also be accompanied by the following:
   A. A copy of its proposed by-laws approved by the Grand Lodge Committee on By-laws, [39-8; Chapter 44]
   B. A statement showing the approximate population of the territory within its proposed jurisdiction,
   C. A statement showing the names, numbers, and locations of the nearest lodges, in every direction, and the distance of each from the location of the proposed lodge,
   D. A certificate from each lodge whose jurisdiction would be affected by such new lodge consenting, or refusing to consent, to the issuance of the dispensation, [39-4;]
   E. A certificate of a Certified Lecturer to the effect that he has carefully examined the Master, Wardens, Deacons, and Stewards and found them as a group to be fully capable of conferring the three Symbolic degrees in Masonry and of delivering the entire lectures, [34-10.2; Official Form 4]
   F. A certificate of the District Deputy Grand Master of the District in which the proposed new lodge would be located certifying the following; [Official Form 5].
      (1) That he has personally examined the Master and Wardens on the law and procedure of administering a lodge and found them to be proficient therein,

(2) That a safe and suitable lodge room and the necessary Masonic furniture has been provided, [43-5].
(3) That each brother who signed the petition is a Master Mason, for this purpose he shall examine or cause to be examined each signer for whom he cannot personally vouch, [51-1.1]
(4) That the establishment of the new lodge will be conducive to the good of the Craft, and
(5) That the signers have provided sufficient funds to defray all expenses of the organization of the proposed new lodge, and [77-2.2]

G. Remittance for the fee for such dispensation in the sum of $100.00. [5-1.2].

REG. 39-3 WITHDRAWAL OF NAME FROM PETITION. A brother may not add to, or withdraw his name from, a petition after it has been filed with the Grand Master, unless it is disclosed that he was not qualified to sign such petition, in which event his name shall be withdrawn or removed therefrom. [39-2.5; 75-15; 75-1.4; Chapter 40].

REG. 39-4 REQUEST FOR CONSENT. A request for the consent of all lodges including those in concurrent territory that would be affected by the establishment of a new lodge is indispensable, and the following shall be done. [39-2.6.D; 39-6].

1. A petition shall be sent by registered first-class mail to each lodge interested, in which shall be set forth the intent to file a petition for a dispensation to form a new lodge giving the proposed name of the lodge, its proposed location, the names of the proposed Master and Wardens and petitioning the lodge to consider the same and if agreeable thereto to consent to the issuance of the dispensation. [87-19; Official Form 2]
2. At its first stated communication after the receipt of such petition, the lodge will act thereon either favorably and without reservations or exceptions, or unfavorably; it shall certify its action to the brother named as the proposed Master, and shall send a copy thereof to the Grand Secretary. A majority affirmative vote at a stated communication shall constitute consent. [39-4.5; Official Form 3].
3. Failure to act within the time herein prescribed or to notify the Grand Secretary and the brother named as proposed Master of any objection shall be construed as consent and waiver of objection to the formation of the new lodge.
4. If there are three or more lodges interested and only one lodge shall object to the issuance of the dispensation, the Grand Master in his sole discretion may issue the dispensation notwithstanding the single objection.
5. A chartered lodge recommending or consenting to the formation of a new lodge thereby cedes territorial jurisdiction to the new lodge if and when it is instituted. [39-4.2].

REG. 39-5 FILING PETITION. A petition for a dispensation to form and open a new lodge shall be filed with the Grand Secretary, who shall examine all documents carefully for form and regularity and shall compare the names of the signers with his records, so far as he has such records, after which he shall forward all papers on the petition to the Grand Master.

REG. 39-6 GRAND MASTER'S DISPENSATION. The Grand Master may make such investigation as he deems necessary.

1. He may require any of the officers of the proposed new lodge to appear before him for his examination as to their ability to perform their respective duties.
2. He may grant a dispensation authorizing the petitioners to form a new lodge as set forth in their petition, if he is satisfied that so doing will be for the good of Masonry. [13-2.16].
3. If a dispensation is granted by the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary shall cause the petition therefor and the dispensation, when finally executed, to be photographed in such size and style as he may decide for the permanent records of the Grand Lodge, he shall cause a facsimile of both documents to be printed in the Annual Proceedings for the year in which such dispensation is granted. [13-2.16; 23-1.9].

REG. 39-7 RESTRICTIONS AS TO DISPENSATIONS. The restrictions as to dispensations to form new lodges shall be as follows:

1. A dispensation for a new lodge shall not be issued unless its location and three-fourths of its proposed territorial jurisdiction is wholly within the State of North Carolina, and [42-1.7].
2. No new lodge shall receive the number of any lodge of this jurisdiction whether active or extinct, nor shall any lodge be named for any living person. The Grand Master or the Grand Lodge may name a lodge, or forbid the use of any proposed name for a lodge under dispensation. [39-2.3; 39-7.3; 40-2, 40-3; 41-3].
3. The Master and the Wardens of a lodge under dispensation shall be the brethren selected for those offices by the signers of the petition or those named as such in the petition at the direction of the Grand Master. The brother selected as Master shall be a Past Master. [39-2.2; 39-2.3; 56-3; Official Form 6].
4. The Master named in the dispensation shall name all officers of the lodge except the Wardens and he shall designate the time for holding stated communications until the lodge shall have adopted by-laws. [39-2.2; 39-2.6.A; 39-8; 44-7].
5. Lodges under dispensation have the same officers as are required for chartered lodges, but they shall not be installed.
6. Work of a lodge under dispensation shall cease twenty days prior to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge and shall not be resumed until the dispensation is renewed or until the lodge has been constituted under authority of a charter granted by the Grand Lodge. [39-1; 39-7.7; 44-10].
7. Every lodge under dispensation shall return its dispensation together with all its records, books, and by-laws to the Grand Secretary not less than fifteen days preceding the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and, if qualified, it shall at the same time present its petition for a charter on the prescribed form. [39-1; 39-7.6; 40-1; Official Form 2].

REG. 39-8 GRAND MASTER SHALL INSTITUTE. Every lodge under dispensation shall be instituted and set to work by the Grand Master or his personal representative and at that time the proposed by-laws shall be adopted. [13-2.8; 13-3.7; 34-19; 39-2.6.A; 39-7.4; 44-7; 34-19.2].

REG. 39-9 MEMBERSHIP AND NOTICES. Master Masons who attach their names to a petition for a dispensation to form and open a new lodge are members thereof as of the date the said lodge is instituted under a dispensation. The Grand Secretary shall send notices to lodges as follows.

1. Whenever a dispensation is granted for the formation of a new lodge and the lodge is instituted, he shall send notice thereof to each lodge in North Carolina having members holding certificates of good standing who signed the petition for the dispensation giving it the names of such members and informing it with respect to each member that he has requested dual membership or directing it to drop the member from its membership as of the date of the institution of the new lodge.
2. At the same time he shall send through the Grand Secretary of any other grand jurisdiction a similar notice as to any members of lodges in his grand jurisdiction who may have signed the petition and who hold provisional demits or certificates of good standing, with the request that the provisional demits, if any, issued by those lodges be honored as of the date such new lodge is instituted or that dual membership should be established as of that date.

REG. 39-10 CONDITIONS ON GRANTING A CHARTER. A charter shall not be granted to a lodge under dispensation until the following conditions are met.

1. The Committee on Charters and Dispensation has approved its petition for a charter.
2. It has worked at least ninety days under a dispensation. [39-1].
3. It has conferred each of the degrees, Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason at least once, including the lectures pertaining thereto, by its own officers and members and without assistance from non-members. [24-1.5].
4. It is clear of indebtedness.
5. A proper petition therefor is filed with the Grand Secretary to which each member of the lodge shall have affixed his signature. [Official Form 7].
6. It has paid the required fee for the charter.
7. It has a secure lodge hall well adapted for the purpose and the necessary Masonic furniture. [43-5].

REG. 39-11 JURISDICTION AND RIGHTS. Lodges under dispensation shall have territorial jurisdiction as provided for chartered lodges and may exercise all the rights of chartered lodges, except electing the first three officers, installing any of its officers, affiliating members, granting demits, issuing certificates of good standing under Regulation 75-15, adopting a seal, or sending representatives to Grand Lodge. They may send the Master and Wardens or any of them as delegates to the Grand Lodge, but they shall have no vote therein. Their members have the same rights and privileges as members of a chartered lodge except the right to demit. [3-5; 38-4.2; 39-2.2; 45-8; 52-1.2; 75-15; 76-1.5].

REG. 39-12 REFUSAL TO GRANT DISPENSATION. If for any reason the Grand Master refuses to grant a dispensation for a new lodge:

1. All regular demits deposited with the petition therefor shall be returned to the owners thereof.
2. Provisional demits, or certificates of good standing issued *solely for the*

purpose of forming the new lodge, shall be returned by the Grand Secretary directly to the lodges issuing them, whereupon the former membership therein shall be resumed.

A. If any such document be from a lodge in North Carolina which shall have become extinct after the issuing thereof, the brother named therein shall receive a Grand Lodge demit from the Grand Secretary.
B. If any such document be issued by a lodge in another grand jurisdiction, the Grand Secretary shall return it through the Grand Secretary of such jurisdiction to the lodge issuing it. [13-2.16].

REG. 39-13 REFUSAL TO GRANT CHARTER. If a dispensation is granted and a new lodge instituted thereunder, but the dispensation is subsequently recalled by the Grand Master, or if the Grand Lodge refuses a charter and refuses to continue the dispensation, the lodge shall be defunct, and members in good standing who were received on certificates of good standing or on regular or provisional demits, and all who were raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason therein shall have the status of regularly demitted Masons. The Grand Secretary upon the return of the books and records to him shall issue to each a Grand Lodge demit. Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts shall be entitled to certificates of their status to be issued by the Grand Secretary, and they may proceed under the provisions of Regulation 49-10.1 in the same manner as unfinished material of a defunct lodge. [13-2.16; 13-3.4; 39-1; 39-12.1; 49-4.6; 74-4].

CHAPTER 40

Issuance of Charter for a Subordinate Lodge

REG. 40-1 REPORTS. All documents provided for in Regulation 39-7.7 covering returns of a lodge under dispensation, with its petition for a charter if one is filed, shall be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

1. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations shall carefully examine and consider the petition and all documents and reports submitted thereon and make its report to the Grand Lodge as to whether the provisions of Regulation 39-10 have been met in all respects, whether or not the work and procedure of the lodge under dispensation is regular and conforms to the law and usages of the Craft in this state, whether the lodge is willing and capable to function for the good of Masonry, and whether or not, in view of its findings, it recommends that a charter be granted. [34-9.3; 34-10.2].
2. If the committee does not find that all requirements have been met satisfactorily, or that any mandatory provisions of the law have not been complied with, it may recommend to the Grand Lodge that the petition be denied or that the dispensation be continued.
3. A continuance shall not be granted a second time.
4. The committee for satisfactory reasons may recommend that the Grand Lodge adopt a name for the new lodge different from the one proposed by the petitioners, and also that the Grand Lodge shall name the Master and Wardens of the new lodge stating in its report the names of the brethren it recommends for these offices. [40-7].

REG. 40-2 NUMBER. A new lodge shall not be given the number of any other lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction whether active or extinct. [34-8; 41-3; 41-5; 41-5.1, 41-5.2, 41-5.3].

REG. 40-3 NAME. A lodge shall not be named for any living person.

REG. 40-4 PREPARATION OF CHARTER. The Grand Secretary shall prepare the charter for a new lodge on the prescribed form, and he shall, together with the presiding Grand Master at the communication at which the charter was granted, sign it under the seal of the Grand Lodge in the way and manner heretofore observed in this jurisdiction. [Official Form 8]. The Grand Secretary shall cause the duly executed document and the petition therefor to be photographed in such size and style as he may determine for the permanent record of the Grand Lodge, and he shall also cause a facsimile of both documents to be printed in the Annual Proceedings for the year in which the charter was granted. [23-1.9].

REG. 40-5 FEE FOR CHARTER. The petitioners for a charter for a new lodge shall pay a fee of One Hundred Dollars before the Charter is issued. [5-1.3].

REG. 40-6 PRESENTATION OF CHARTER. The charter shall be delivered to the Master of the newly chartered lodge when he is installed during the ceremony of constituting the lodge. [59-2.22].

REG. 40-7 INITIAL OFFICERS. If the Grand Lodge does not specifically name the Master and the Wardens of a newly chartered lodge, then those brethren who served in those offices, and also the brethren who served in all other offices of the lodge at the date the petition for the charter was signed, shall be its officers until the next regular election of officers under THE CODE. [40-1.4].

REG. 40-8 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. After the issuance of a charter shall not proceed to work until it shall have been duly constituted and the officers installed under the forms and usages of the Craft by the Grand Master or by some Past Master duly authorized by the Grand Master. [13-2.8; 34-19; 44-10; 34-19.2].

CHAPTER 41

Loss of Charter

REG. 41-1 POWERS LOST OR SUSPENDED. The powers granted in a charter can be lost or suspended as follows.

1. The charter may be voluntary surrendered as provided by law. [41-9].
2. The arrest of a charter is a suspension of the functions of a lodge. The Grand Master may arrest the charter which suspends the powers therein until final action of the Grand Lodge unless the charter is restored by the Grand Master prior thereto. [46-15].
3. The Grand Lodge may revoke the charter which act completely annuls and makes it void. Revocation renders the lodge defunct, and the charter shall not subsequently be restored or issued again. [41-9.7; 49-1].
4. The lodge may become defunct or dormant as provided by law. [49-1; 49-2; 49-9].
5. By consolidation of the lodge with another as provided in Chapter 48.

REG. 41-2 LOSS OF DOCUMENT. The document called a charter can be lost or destroyed without impairing the powers granted by the Grand Lodge in that instrument. Whenever a charter is lost or damaged by fire or other cause the Grand Master may issue his dispensation giving the lodge authority to continue its work in all respects as if its charter had not been lost or damaged until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge when the lodge shall apply for a duplicate charter. [13-3.1; 38-3.1; 41-2; 38-3.4; Official Form 42].

REG. 41-3 LODGE NUMBER NOT REASSIGNED. A lodge number rendered blank or unassigned by loss of charter shall remain blank and unassigned and shall not be assigned to any other lodge at any time. [34-9.1; 39-7.2; 40-2, 40-3].

REG. 41-4 DUPLICATE CHARTER. The issuance of a duplicate charter to a lodge to replace one that has been lost, destroyed, or stolen, or one that has become so mutilated, defaced, or illegible as to render it unfit for use may be authorized by the Grand Lodge upon written application of the lodge setting forth the facts and circumstances in full and satisfactory proof thereof. [34-9.2].

1. The issuing of a duplicate charter to replace one reported lost, stolen, or destroyed shall automatically cancel the replaced charter and render it null and void.
2. Should the old charter subsequently be recovered, the Master of the lodge shall forward it to the Grand Secretary immediately.
3. Should conditions warrant, the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication may restore the old charter and take up the new one.
4. Should a Master fail or refuse to surrender the recovered old charter, the Grand Master shall arrest the charter of the lodge and cite the lodge to appear before the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge to show cause why its charters should not be revoked.

REG. 41-5 CHANGE THE NAME OR LOCATION. Subject to Regulations 40-2, 40-3 and 42-1.5 the Grand Lodge, is empowered to change the name or location of a subordinate lodge as designated in its charter. Where a new name

or new location of a lodge has been ordered by the Grand Lodge, the charter of the lodge shall be surrendered to the Grand Secretary and canceled by him, and a duplicate charter showing the new name or new location and the old number of the lodge shall be issued. [38-4.1; 40-2, 40-3; 42-1.5; 42-1.6.H; Chapter 46]. To change its name as designated in its charter, a lodge shall proceed as follows.

1. A written resolution proposing a change in name shall be presented and read at a stated communication and shall lie over not less than twenty-eight days to a subsequent stated communication.
2. If it is adopted by a majority vote, a copy of the resolution certified by the Secretary under the seal of the lodge with a petition from the lodge to change its name shall be presented to the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication and referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.
3. If the Grand Lodge approves the petition, the name will be changed. [34-9.1; 40-2, 40-3; Chapter 46].

REG. 41-6 CONTENTS OF DUPLICATE CHARTER. A duplicate charter issued as provided in this chapter shall bear thereon the following:

1. The words Duplicate Charter,
2. A brief notation showing the cause of its issuance and giving the date the original charter was issued, if known,
3. The names of the original grand officers together with the names of the officers of the lodge named in the original charter, if known, and if those names are not available, the appropriate names of the current grand officers and officers of the lodge,
4. The signatures of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary,
5. The seal of the Grand Lodge, and
6. The date the Grand Lodge ordered that the duplicate charter be issued.

REG. 41-7 FEE FOR DUPLICATE CHARTER. A fee of fifteen dollars shall accompany an application for a duplicate charter or a petition to change the name or the location of a lodge. [5-1.3; 42-1.6.H].

REG. 41-8 PHOTOGRAPHIC COPY. When the charter of a lodge has reached the age of fifty years, a photographic copy may be made under the direction of the Grand Secretary at the request and the expense of the lodge holding such charter. The Grand Secretary shall attach thereto a certificate with the seal of the Grand Lodge affirming that the photograph is a true copy of the original charter. Such certified copy may be used by the lodge instead of the original charter in order that the original charter may better be preserved by the lodge as an ancient Masonic document or relic. [23-1.9; 38-3.1; 84-4.1].

REG. 41-9 VOLUNTARY SURRENDER. The charter of a lodge may voluntarily be surrendered as follows. [41-1.1; 59-2.36].

1. A resolution proposing the surrender of the charter shall be presented and read at a stated communication of the lodge, it shall lie over not less than twenty-seven days, to a subsequent stated communication, the date of which shall be set by the Master of the lodge.
2. Not less than fifteen days prior to the date set for action on the resolution the Secretary of the lodge shall send by first-class United States mail to each member of the lodge, at his last known address, a written notice of the proposed action.

3. The Secretary of the lodge shall make the following proof of service which shall be conclusive of the fact and which shall be entered in the minutes of the lodge for the stated communication set to act on the resolution: "I hereby certify that on _____ 19___, I notified each member of _____ Lodge, No. _____ A. F. & A. M., to attend the stated communication of said lodge to be held on the _____ day of _____ 19____, at _____M. at _____, North Carolina, by forwarding such notice, together with a copy of a resolution proposing the surrender of the charter of said lodge, by fully prepaid first-class mail addressed to him at his last known address.

_____ Secretary"

4. At the stated communication designated to consider and act upon the resolution if a legal quorum is present and if proof of service is filed and made of record, the lodge may act on the proposal. [41-9.7; 45-8].
5. The Master shall submit the question: "Shall the charter of _____ Lodge, No. _____, A. F. & A. M., be surrendered?"
6. The vote shall be by ballot, with the word Yes or No, as each member determines his vote.
7. If the majority of the ballots are affirmative and if there are less than twenty negative votes, the charter shall be surrendered, *provided* that the Grand Master approves the surrender. Otherwise the charter shall not be surrendered. If it is surrendered the Grand Lodge shall revoke the same at the next annual communication. [41-1.3]
8. A charter shall not be surrendered so long as twenty Master Masons, members in good standing in the lodge, desire to continue work under it, nor shall it be surrendered unless action is taken at a stated communication and the Grand Master approves the surrender as hereinbefore provided.
9. Upon revocation of the charter of a lodge all moneys, books, papers, and property of every nature and kind, belonging to it shall become the property of the Grand Lodge; and the same shall be forthwith delivered over to the Grand Secretary or to a Master Mason designated by him, and the effects and assets shall be managed and disposed of as provided in Chapter 49. [41-12; 49-7.4].

REG. 41-10 GROUNDS FOR ARREST. The charter of a subordinate lodge may be arrested or revoked for any of the following reasons: [2-6.1; 71-2; 95-4.5].

1. Disobedience of any provision of THE CODE, Regulations, laws, orders, or edicts, of the Grand Lodge,
2. Failure to recognize the lawful authority of the Grand Master, or of his authorized deputy, or of any other authorized officer or agent of the Grand Lodge, or failure to obey the lawful orders of either of them,
3. Violation or neglect of the generally recognized usages of the Craft,
4. Receiving petitioners for the degrees in Masonry known to be unworthy or for refusing or neglecting to discipline unworthy members,
5. Any departure from the original plan of Masonry,
6. Failure without sufficient excuse to meet during a period of six consecutive months, [45-14; 49-2]
7. Failure to be represented at the annual communications of the Grand Lodge for two consecutive years, [43-2.12]

8. Failure to make annual returns or to pay in full its dues to the Grand Lodge within six months after the date required by law, [47-7; 47-7.6, 47-7.7]
9. A condition of the lodge as to discipline or otherwise of such gravity that its further existence would be deleterious to the honor or usefulness of the Craft, or
10. A depreciated condition of the lodge as to members, finances, or interest in the work. [41-15].

REG. 41-11 ARREST. The Grand Master may during the recess of the Grand Lodge arrest the charter of a lodge for any of the reasons stated, which action he shall report, with the causes leading to it and his recommendations in the case, to the Grand Lodge, for its action at its next annual communication.

1. The Grand Master shall give the lodge a statement of his charges and recommendations at least ten days before his report is made to the Grand Lodge so that the lodge may be heard in its own behalf.
2. Hearings on such arrests of charter shall be before the Committee on Appeals which shall report its findings and recommendations to the Grand Lodge.
3. When circumstances do not require immediate arrest of charter, the lodge shall be given at least ten days notice of the charges to be brought against it, so that it may have opportunity to show cause against the contemplated arrest. [13-3.4; 34-7.4; 41-1.2; 59-2.36; 98-1; Official Form 48].
4. A charter that has been arrested by the Grand Master may be restored by him before the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge upon compliance by the lodge with the conditions he may prescribe, a report of this shall be made by the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge.
5. If the Grand Master determines that any one or more of the officers or members of the lodge are responsible for the conditions in the lodge that would justify the arrest of its charter, then the penalty, if any, should be applied to the individuals at fault. The Grand Master may arrest the charter, or he may proceed under Regulation 91-13, or he may refer the case to the Judge Advocate under Regulation 91-3. [13-3.4; 41-1.2; 41-16; 71-2; 74-1.3; 95-4.5; 98-1]

REG. 41-12 RECORDS AND PROPERTY. The Grand Master shall direct the Grand Secretary to take possession in the name of the Grand Lodge of the records and property of a lodge whose charter has been arrested, pending final action of the Grand Lodge. If the charter is restored, the books, records and property of the lodge, less Grand Lodge dues and the expenses incurred by the Grand Lodge, shall be returned to it. If the arrest is adjudged by the Grand Lodge to be wrongful, the said records and property shall be restored, without deductions for expense, to the subordinate lodge. If the arrest is upheld and the charter is revoked, the records and property shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 49. [34-7.4; 41-9.9].

REG. 41-13 GRAND LODGE ACTION ON ARREST. The Grand Lodge on final hearing shall approve or disapprove the action of the Grand Master.

1. If it disapproves the action of the Grand Master the charter shall be thereby restored.
2. Although it may approve the arrest, it may restore the charter if satisfied that the discipline of the action of arrest, itself, is sufficient and that the good of the Craft will be served thereby. [34-9.2; 95-4.5].

3. It may arrest the charter for a definite time.
4. It may revoke the charter.
5. If it fails express restore the charter or arrest it for a definite time at its next annual communication the charter shall be automatically revoked as of the close of that annual communication and it shall not be reissued thereafter.

REG. 41-14 NOTICE. An arrested charter shall not be revoked by the Grand Lodge unless the lodge has had at least ten days notice from the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge for an opportunity to be heard in its own behalf. [41-11; Official Form 48].

REG. 41-15 MISCONDUCT OF A MEMBER. If a charge is filed with the Grand Secretary that the arrest or the revocation of a charter was brought about by the misconduct of a member or the misfeasance or malfeasance of any officer, the demit provided for in Regulation 49-4.1 shall not be issued to any such brother until the Grand Lodge directs that it be issued.

1. In case such charge is filed, the action of the Grand Lodge may be invoked by a petition of a member against whom the charge was filed seeking a demit.
2. The Grand Lodge shall assume complete jurisdiction and may investigate the matter summarily, or through the Judge Advocate, or otherwise, after which it may issue such orders as it deems proper and just to the rights of all concerned.

REG. 41-16 RESTORATION OF CHARTER. When a charter has been restored, the Masons then living who were members of the lodge at the date of the arrest of its charter shall again be members thereof, and together with any unfinished material, they shall resume their status in said lodge as of the date of such arrest.

CHAPTER 42

Subordinate Lodge Jurisdiction

REG. 42-1 TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION. The territorial jurisdiction of each lodge in this state is limited to the territory lying within the state nearer to such lodge than to another lodge in the state, the distance being measured in a direct or air line from the point in question to the lodge hall. [38-4; 42-1.2.A].

1. No other lodge shall have jurisdiction within the corporate boundary of any city or incorporated town in which a lodge is located.
2. When two or more lodges are located in the same city or incorporated town, such lodges shall have concurrent *jurisdiction* within the corporate boundary of such city or town.
   A. They shall each and all be deemed as being located in the same building, and in the same apartments, for the purpose of ascertaining in any case which is the nearest lodge.
   B. If there are two or more meeting places or halls in such city or town, the center of the city or town shall be the point of measurement.
3. Only lodges located in the same city, town or where such concurrence has been by action of the Grand Lodge, shall have concurrent jurisdiction. (42-9; 42-1.6; 64-2).
4. A Chartered lodge may permanently change its meeting place from one building to another in the same city, town, village or location designated in its charter without procuring the consent of any other lodge or the Grand Master. Such change may be made by amending the by-laws of the lodge as provided in Regulation 44-7 (Art.24). [13-3.8.G; 38-4.1; 38-4.2; 42-3; 43-5; 44-7 (Art.8); 45-7; 71-14].
5. In the event a subordinate lodge located within the corporate limits of any municipality desires to move its location to a place within one mile of the corporate limits of said municipality, the Grand Master, at his discretion, may approve this permanent change of location. The territorial jurisdiction of the lodge shall remain the same as if the lodge had not changed its location. [45-7].
   A. A proposition to move a lodge within one mile of the corporate limits must be in writing and signed by a member or members of the lodge making the proposal, and must show the change desired and the reason therefor.[42-3.1].
   B. Whenever such a proposition is made to a lodge, it shall be read by the Secretary at the first stated communication held thereafter and spread in full upon the records and action thereon deferred until a subsequent stated communication to be designated by the Master.
   C. Immediately after the close of the communication at which such proposition shall have been presented and not less than five days before the designated communication, the Secretary shall in writing and under the seal of the lodge notify each member of the proposition, and that action thereon will be taken at the designated stated communication giving the date, hour and place of meeting.
   D. Service of such notice may be by first-class United States mail. [Official Form 31].
   E. At the designated stated communication the proposition must be read

to the lodge again and action taken by ballot in answer to the question by the Master, "Shall the lodge be moved?" Those in favor of removal shall deposit a ballot with the word *Yes*; those opposed, a ballot with the word *No*. If the affirmative vote is less than three-fourths of the total votes cast there shall be no removal.

F. If the affirmative vote is at least three-fourths, then the proposition shall be submitted to the Grand Master for his approval.

G. A petition by the lodge with all documents to show compliance with the preceding paragraphs of this regulation shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary. It shall be referred to the Grand Master, and if he approves the change of location, the lodge will then be authorized to move its meeting place, but not until the proper amendment to its by-laws has been made.

H. The Grand Master shall notify each lodge adjoining its territorial jurisdiction of his approval of the change of location of said lodge and call their attention to the fact that the territorial jurisdiction is not affected by this permanent change in location.

6. No chartered lodge shall move its meeting place more than one mile from the corporate limits of the city, town, village where it is located or any distance from any other location named in its charter until the following procedure has been followed. [38-4.1; 38-4.2].

A. A proposition to move a lodge from one city, town village, or location to another must be in writing and signed by a member or members of the lodge making the proposal, and must show the change desired and the reason therefor. [42-3].

B. Whenever such a proposition is made to a lodge, it shall be read by the Secretary at the first stated communication held thereafter and spread in full upon the records and action thereon deferred until a subsequent stated communication to be designated by the Master.

C. Immediately after the close of the communication at which such proposition shall have been presented and not less than five days before the designated communication, the Secretary shall in writing and under the seal of the lodge notify each member of the proposition, and that action thereon will be taken at the designated stated communication giving the date, hour and place of meeting.

D. Service of such notice may be by first-class United States mail. [Official Form 31].

E. Each lodge whose territorial jurisdiction would be affected by such a change must consent thereto by a resolution duly adopted by a majority vote at any stated communication. Certified copies of the resolutions shall be filed with the petition. [38-4.1; 38-4.2; 42-3; 42-3.1].

F. At the designated stated communication the proposition must be read to the lodge again and action taken by ballot in answer to the question by the Master, "Shall the lodge be moved?" Those in favor of removal shall deposit a ballot with the word Yes; those opposed, a ballot with the word No. If the affirmative vote is less than three-fourths of the total votes cast there shall be no removal.

G. If the affirmative vote is at least three-fourths, then the proposition shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication.

H. A petition by the lodge with all documents to show compliance with the

preceding paragraphs of this regulation shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary not less than fifteen days before the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge. It shall be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. If the Grand Lodge approves the change of location, then a duplicate charter shall be issued pursuant to Regulation 41-5. The lodge will then be authorized to move its meeting place, but not until it has made the proper amendment to its by-laws. [41-7].

7. When a contiguous grand jurisdiction has or shall enact a like provision as to this Grand Jurisdiction and shall give its concurrence thereto, a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction may act upon the petition of a resident of such other grand jurisdiction for the degrees in any case where the petitioner resides nearer to the lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction than to a lodge in the jurisdiction of his residence. In all cases of such reciprocal enactments the same right is extended to such grand jurisdiction as to residents of this Grand Jurisdiction. [39-7.1; 57-1.7].

REG. 42-2 GEOGRAPHY AND LANDMARKS. In the event that a strict application of Regulation 42-1 would result in a boundary line between adjacent jurisdictions not well defined by familiar and readily located landmarks or geographical features, or where such boundary line would divide an established community in an arbitrary manner or when the means of travel, either by rail or otherwise, shall justify such change, the Grand Lodge may establish such boundary line by metes and bounds bearing upon and along public highways, streams, township or municipal boundaries, or otherwise giving due regard to the convenience of established routes of travel, to the lodge halls, and to the preponderance of membership in adjacent lodges. The spirit and purpose of this regulation to facilitate the investigation of petitioners for the degrees and promote the attendance of the members at their own lodges.

REG. 42-3 GRAND LODGE MAY ESTABLISH. The Grand Lodge may establish the territorial jurisdiction or change the location of a lodge. The Grand Lodge may establish concurrent territorial jurisdiction. [13-3.8.G; 13-3.8.H; 38-4.1; 42-3; 45-7].

1. Lodges interested in a changing their territorial jurisdiction, location, or establishing concurrent jurisdiction shall present a petition to the Grand Lodge setting forth clearly the change desired and the reasons therefor.
2. Each lodge whose jurisdiction would be affected by such proposed change must consider the petition at a stated communication and certify over its seal the action taken thereon.
3. The petition shall be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.
4. This regulation shall in no way diminish the authority of the Grand Master under Regulation 42-1.5. [2-6.3;113-3.8; 34-9.4; 34-10.1; 38-4.1; 38-4.2; 42-3; 42-1.4; 42-1.6]
5. Agreements between lodges relative to these matters are prohibited.

REG. 42-4 INVASION. A lodge shall give immediate notice to the Grand Master of an invasion of its jurisdiction by another lodge. When a lodge has received the petition of a candidate residing in the jurisdiction of another lodge and has initiated him, the candidate shall be its material and it may complete the work on him.

1. It shall forfeit and pay to the lodge whose jurisdiction it has invaded, the entire fee which the injured lodge has established for the degrees.
2. If it has invaded the jurisdiction of other lodges working concurrently, it shall pay to such lodges the highest fee established by any of the lodges in such concurrent jurisdiction, divided equally between them.
3. The invading lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge the same tax and fees as it does on other candidates advanced by it.
4. The invading lodge shall be subject to whatever additional penalty may be imposed upon it by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. [64-2; 68-7; 68-7.1].

REG. 42-5 RECEIPT OF PETITION. When a petition for the degrees is received by a lodge at a stated communication, that lodge acquires exclusive jurisdiction over the petitioner subject to Regulation 42-7.1. While a petition is pending, no other lodge shall receive his petition for the degrees. [66-3; 68-7; 68-12].

REG. 42-6 CONCURRENT JURISDICTION. In all cases of concurrent jurisdiction, a qualified petitioner for the degrees may petition any one of the lodges having such jurisdiction. [42-14; 70-1.2].

REG. 42-7 RESIDENCE. Every regular lodge whether working under a charter or a dispensation, while such authority remains in force, shall have the exclusive right to confer the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason on all qualified petitioners resident in its territorial jurisdiction.

1. No lodge shall possess jurisdiction over any petitioner for the degrees in Masonry until he shall have been a resident for one year within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and for six months immediately preceding the date of the petition within the territorial limits of such lodge. [42-8.3; 42-9; 42-16; 65-3.2; 66-1.8; 66-3; 68-7.1; 70-1.2].
2. The lodge's jurisdiction is subject to the concurrent jurisdiction of other subordinate lodges and its own waiver of its jurisdiction under Regulation 42-9.

REG. 42-8 RESIDENCE. Residence required as qualification of a petitioner for the degrees is defined to mean the present location or place where the petitioner himself *actually is*: where he has his being.

1. Intent does not necessarily control unless actions demonstrate and conform to intent. [66-3].
2. Residence is not determined solely by the location or place which the petitioner may call *home* or *legal residence*, or where his wife and family may live or where he votes or pays his taxes. It may be, but is not necessarily, the same as the foregoing or as the civil term *domicile*.
3. The intent and meaning of *residence* is that the petitioner for the degrees in Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction shall, himself, actually be continuously within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge for one year and the lodge petitioned for six months immediately preceding the date of his petition.
4. If he takes occasional trips for business or pleasure outside of either jurisdiction and for any length of time but regularly returns to the place from which he sets out, his qualification as to residence will not be affected.
5. By way of illustration, but not as conclusive of all questions, the residence of a petitioner is as follows:

A. If he has established a permanent home or domicile which is unquestioned and if he lives there continuously for the prescribed time, the place or location of such home is his residence.
B. If he travels the greater part of the time and regularly for the prescribed time returns to one place when his schedule of traveling is completed, his residence is at the place to which he regularly returns.
C. If he has his dwelling place at one place and his business, work, or vocation at another place and for the prescribed time he regularly and continuously returns to his dwelling place after the conclusion of his business, the place of his dwelling is his residence.
D. If he holds a government or business position that makes it to his interest and convenience, or makes it necessary, that he reside with or without his family at a given place, and such residence has been continuous for the prescribed time, then that place is his residence.
E. If he enters any branch of the armed forces of the United States the place in this state which was his residence, as defined under this regulation at the time of his entry, shall continue to be such until he establishes a proper residence elsewhere. A lodge in this state may receive and act upon petitions for the degrees of members of any branch of the armed forces of the United States who have been stationed within its jurisdiction the prescribed time. This Grand Jurisdiction does not claim exclusive jurisdiction over residents of North Carolina in the armed forces who are stationed outside of this state. Any resident of this state in the armed forces may wherever stationed apply for the degrees to the lodge in North Carolina which had jurisdiction when he entered such armed forces, or he may petition a lodge for the degrees in this, or in another grand jurisdiction, which may have acquired jurisdiction. [66-3]
F. The residence of a student while attending school is that of his parents if he returns to them during vacations. His attendance at school is presumed to be for a temporary purpose only and without intent to establish a new residence. Should he declare his residence to be at the place where he attends school, the lodge having jurisdiction may receive his petition after the time prescribed in that jurisdiction has elapsed following the date of such declaration.

REG. 42-9 WAIVER. A lodge having acquired jurisdiction over a profane, as provided in regulation 42-7.1, may waive its jurisdiction in favor of any other lodge requesting such waiver over its seal, *provided*, the profane at the time actually resides in this state. In any such case the lodge in whose favor the waiver shall be granted shall have complete jurisdiction over such profane and may receive his petition for the degrees. Such waiver shall be without restriction or reservation and shall be granted only by a unanimous vote of the members present at a stated communication. If requested by any member present, or if ordered by the Master, such vote shall be taken by the secret ballot provided for in Regulation 68-3. [42-7; 42-7.1; 42-8.3; 42-11; 42-16; 65-7; 66-1.8; 66-3; 68-7.1; Official Form 61].

1. No waiver shall be granted over a rejected profane within six months after such rejection.
2. No waiver shall be granted over a rejected profane by a lodge having concurrent jurisdiction within one year after such rejection. [42-16; 70-1.2].
3. If a lodge has been requested to grant a Waiver of Jurisdiction in favor of

another lodge and has not acted upon the same within 90 days from the date of the request, then the lodge requesting the waiver shall receive the petition as if the waiver had been granted. Such action shall be noted on the petition.

4. If a lodge rejects the petition for the degrees of a profane over whom a waiver of jurisdiction had been granted by another lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, the lodge which granted the waiver immediately regains jurisdiction, *provided*, that the petitioner has continued to reside within the jurisdiction of the lodge which granted the waiver. The lodge which granted the waiver shall not receive a petition for six months following the rejection. [70-1.2; 42-11].

REG. 42-10 COURTESY WORK. Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction may confer degrees for each other by mutual agreement. A lodge in North Carolina may confer degrees for a lodge in another grand jurisdiction, or it may request a lodge in another grand jurisdiction to confer degrees for it. The performance of courtesy work by a lodge confers no jurisdiction on it. Jurisdiction is retained by the lodge that elected the petitioner. [71-10; 71-10.2; 43-11].

REG. 42-11 PERPETUAL JURISDICTION. The doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction over a rejected profane, either within or without this Grand Jurisdiction, is not recognized by this Grand Lodge. When a rejected petitioner removes from the territorial jurisdiction of the lodge which rejected him, that lodge loses all jurisdiction over him except that no other lodge may receive his petition for six months following the rejection. [42-9].

REG. 42-12 APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION. Each lodge has jurisdiction to receive and act on the application for affiliation of any Master Mason regardless of whether his residence is within or without the state. [75-1; 75-8; 75-1].

REG. 42-13 UNFINISHED MATERIAL. By electing a qualified petitioner to receive the degrees, a lodge acquires exclusive jurisdiction to initiate and advance him and retains it unless the election is voided by failure of the lodge to initiate the petitioner or failure of the petitioner to present himself for initiation with in one year of his election. [64-4.3; 68-12; 69-2; 71-10; 71-10.2]. By conferring the degree of Entered Apprentice upon its own candidate, a lodge acquires exclusive jurisdiction to advance him and retains it for all time. [73-4.2; 75-18; 101-3]. A lodge retains exclusive and perpetual jurisdiction over all candidates it has rejected for advancement. [73-6].

REG. 42-14 PETITIONER OF A DEFUNCT LODGE. A petitioner for the degrees, rejected by a lodge whose charter has been surrendered or revoked, does not because of the surrender or revocation of charter become the material of another lodge. He may apply for the degrees to any lodge having jurisdiction over him six months after the rejection. [42-16; 42-6; 49-11].

REG. 42-15 LODGE UNDER DISPENSATION. A petitioner for the degrees who has been rejected by a lodge under dispensation remains the material of such lodge after it has been granted a charter.

REG. 42-16 REJECTED PETITIONER. A petitioner for the degrees re-

jected by a lodge having concurrent jurisdiction cannot petition another lodge of the same concurrent jurisdiction within one year following the date of his rejection.

1. If he moves from such concurrent jurisdiction for any length of time under one year and then returns to reside in such concurrent jurisdiction he cannot petition any other lodge therein until the original one year period has elapsed.
2. If he moves from such concurrent jurisdiction and resides within the territorial limits of another lodge for six months he may petition that lodge. [42-7.1; 42-11; 42-14; 42-6; 66-1.10; 70-1.2].

REG. 42-17 NATURALIZATION NOT REQUIRED. A profane need not be a naturalized citizen of the United States to petition and be made a Mason in a North Carolina lodge. [66-5].

REG. 42-18 NO BEARING ON TRIAL PROCEEDINGS. All Masonic charges are preferred before and all trials are conducted by the Grand Lodge. The jurisdiction of subordinate lodges has no bearing on trial proceedings.

CHAPTER 43

Subordinate Lodge Powers and Duties

REG. 43-1 EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE. The specific powers of a subordinate lodge are as follows.

1. **The Executive**, which relate to the direction and performance of its work under the control of the Master, who is the chief executive officer of the lodge, but always subject to review by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.
2. **The Legislative**, which embrace all matters of legislation relative to the internal concerns of the lodge which are not in violation of its own bylaws, the usages and customs of the Craft, the laws of the Grand Lodge, and the orders and edicts of the Grand Master.
3. The powers of a lodge are only such as are conferred on it by the laws of this Grand Lodge. [2-4; 4-2].

REG. 43-2 POWERS AND DUTIES. Some, but not all, of the *powers and duties* of a lodge are as follows. [2-4; 4-2].

1. A lodge shall obey the laws of the Grand Lodge, the usages and customs of the Craft, and the orders and edicts of the Grand Master, not inconsistent therewith.
2. A lodge shall confer the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry intelligently and in conformity with the Authorized Work of the Grand Lodge, and encourage its members to improve their knowledge thereof.
3. A lodge shall practice charity, promote and express Masonry in the territory occupied by it, and to enforce Masonic discipline therein.
4. A lodge shall hold at least one stated communication each month except as provided in Regulation 45-2.
5. A lodge shall elect and install its officers annually. [Chapter 54].
6. A lodge shall provide a safe and suitable room for its communications. [43-5].
7. A lodge shall keep a full and proper record of its transactions. [Chapter 62].
8. A lodge shall make such full and proper reports to the Grand Lodge as may be required. [Chapter 47].
9. A lodge shall pay its annual dues, taxes, and assessments to the Grand Lodge punctually. [Chapters 47].
10. A lodge shall have by-laws. [44-2; Chapter 44].
11. A lodge shall have and maintain a proper seal. [Chapter 46].
12. A lodge shall be represented at each annual communication of the Grand Lodge. If it is not represented at two consecutive annual communications, it shall be cited by the Grand Master to show cause why its charter should not be arrested. [3-3; 3-4; 26-3.2; 41-10.7].
13. A lodge shall have and maintain complete control and authority over the use of its hall or meeting place by ownership or otherwise. Joint proprietorship with other societies or organizations is not favored by the Grand Lodge. Where other societies or organizations occupy the same rooms with a subordinate lodge, all Masonic paraphernalia and property shall be removed immediately after the lodge is closed. [13-3.8.D; 25-2].
14. A lodge shall keep its property insured against loss or damage by fire and other hazards. Any lodge failing to insure its property shall not be granted permission to ask for assistance from other lodges of this jurisdiction on

account of loss except by the Grand Lodge on recommendation by the Grand Master. [43-2.14; 60-1.3.F].

15. A lodge may sell and convey its property at will. [52-7; 60-10].
16. A lodge may by ordinary resolution and a majority vote, to appropriate its funds for Masonic charity and for the discharge of its ordinary and necessary expenses, *subject, however*, to Regulations 43-8 and 60-7.

REG. 43-3 LIMITATIONS. Some, but not all, of the *limitations of powers and authority* of a subordinate lodge are as follows. [4-2; 4-6].

1. The discussion in a lodge when open of political, sectarian, or other subjects not related to Masonry is prohibited.
2. A certificate or a recommendation shall not be issued by a lodge, or an officer or a member thereof, to a brother which he could use in an itinerant manner to apply for relief to other lodges or members.
3. A lodge shall not, by any pretext, or for any purpose, or by any subterfuge introduce intoxicating liquors or beverages, or permit their use as a beverage on any of its premises, nor shall it rent any of its premises to any one who thereon sells intoxicating liquors with the exception of a pharmacist. [43-7; 86-2.30; 86-2.31].
4. No lodge shall authorize, sponsor, sanction, hold, conduct or permit to be held in the name of Masonry any meeting or gathering, for business, social or any other purpose where alcoholic beverages are permitted, served or consumed as a part of such meetings or gatherings.
5. A lodge is not a collection agency for private debts. [86-2.41; 90-2].
6. A lodge shall not engage in any program of solicitation of petitions, nor shall it permit any of its members to do so. [86-2.51.E; 86-2.22].
7. No lodge shall publish the name of any one who is to be balloted on except as provided in Regulation 68-8.2 nor shall it publish the name of any candidate to receive a degree unless enclosed in a cover or envelope. Postal cards and post cards shall not be used for this purpose. [68-1; 68-11].
8. No lodge shall permit the use of its roster of membership or any part thereof for business or political purposes, nor for any solicitation whatever that is not strictly Masonic.
9. No lodge shall permit the use of its roster of membership or any part thereof for the sale of any book purporting to be Masonic or to relate to Masonry which has not been expressly approved by the Grand Lodge. [29-12; 86-2.45; 86-2.46]
10. No transaction of the Grand Lodge or of a lodge shall be given to any person for publication in a newspaper or otherwise except as authorized by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, or by the lodge or its Master.
11. The organization of any club of an exclusive kind within the membership of a lodge is forbidden. [86-2.26; 86-2.47].
12. The holding or sponsoring by a lodge of lotteries, raffles, games of chance, gambling, or any activity which would discredit Masonry, for any purpose, is prohibited. [43-7; 86-2.32; 86-2.35].
13. No lodge shall be an escort in any public or private event. [86-2.43].
14. No lodge shall give any of the ritualistic work, even monitorial lectures, at an entertainment for its members and their families or for the profane. [86-2.53].
15. No lodge shall appear in public except as authorized by Masonic law. A lodge may assemble to attend religious services and Masonic funerals, to lay cornerstones, and to celebrate St. John's Days. No lodge shall convene

on Sunday except to attend religious services and Masonic funerals, as provided in Regulation 45-11. [45-11; 86-2.43; Chapters 82, 84; 84-4.2].

16. No lodge shall permit the use of any of any part of its buildings, facilities, or grounds for bazaars, dances, card parties, or for any purpose which would discredit Masonry. [86-2.35].
17. No lodge shall levy an assessment on its members for any purpose, nor shall it require a withdrawal fee. It may increase its annual dues as provided by law. [75-13; 76-12; 77-8].
18. No lodge, nor any officer thereof, *as such*, shall act or serve as administrator, executor, guardian, trustee or in any fiduciary capacity, *except* as expressly provided by the law of the Grand Lodge. [2-6.11; Chapter 60].
19. No lodge shall in any manner or at any time inflict a fine on a brother for any purpose whatever. [95-3].
20. No lodge shall provide in its by-laws for the payment of money for any purpose whatever without the express action of the lodge in each case before such payment. [43-10; 60-10].

REG. 43-4 THE CODE AND PROCEEDINGS. Each subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction shall keep copies of the laws of the Grand Lodge for the inspection of its members. It is the duty of the Master to enforce strictly such laws in the lodge over which he presides. The published Proceedings of the Grand Lodge shall also be kept on file and shall be conclusive evidence of all matters reported therein as the action of the Grand Lodge, and except as otherwise provided, shall be evidence of other matters contained therein. [23-1; 23-3; 94-11.4].

REG. 43-5 ONE STORY LODGES. No lodge shall hereafter have its lodge room on the first floor or ground level of a building, except a lodge which at this time has its lodge room so located, without the express approval of the Grand Master, and all lodge rooms shall in all respects be safe from cowans and eavesdroppers. [39-2.6.F.(2); 42-1.4; 38-1, 87-14].

REG. 43-6 EMERGENCY LODGE HALL. The Master may call a communication of the lodge in case of emergency at any suitable hall within the city, town, village or vicinity other than the usual hall or place of meeting by giving due notice to the members. No such communication may be called at any place outside of the city, town, village, or place in which the lodge is chartered and customarily holds its communications, *except* to conduct a Masonic burial service and then only by consent of the Master of the lodge in whose jurisdiction interment is to be made. [13-3.8.D; 13-3.8.G; 38-4.1; 38-4.2; 42-3; 43-5; ; 45-7; 45-4.2; 71-14; 82-9].

REG. 43-7 COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE. No lodge shall engage in any commercial enterprise or business of like nature.

1. If a lodge owns a building in which its lodge room or hall is located or other real property, it may rent any space available for office or commercial purposes, reserving the right to terminate any lease in the event the leased premises should be used for any illegal or unmasonic purposes. [13-3.8.D; 43-2.6; 43-3.3; 43-3.12; 38-1, 87-14; 86-2.46].
2. A lodge may not rent, for office or commercial purposes, any real property it owns and with respect to which it owes or has secured any indebtedness.

REG. 43-8 SERVICE COMMISSION APPROVAL. No subordinate lodge shall have the power or authority to do any of the things or acts described in this regulation until its application therefor has been approved by the Lodge Service Commission, or by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge upon appeal therefrom. [86-2.51.E].

1. Prior to receiving Lodge Service Commission approval a lodge shall not:
   A. Pledge its credit, or issue bonds, notes, or other evidence of debt, or subscribe to or guarantee the stock, bonds, or debts of any building association or company, either in the name of the lodge or under the name of a building association or company formed by Masons within or without the lodge for any building project, [25-2; 31-4.3]
   B. Lease real estate for more than five years either as lessee or lessor,
   C. Purchase real estate for any purpose,
   D. Become a party in creating, organizing, amending, or dissolving a civil corporation for any purpose whatever,
   E. Become a party in amending or dissolving any existing civil charter of a subordinate lodge [4-6; 49-5; 60-10; 86-2.46], or
   F. Enter into a joint enterprise with any other group, body, organization, or other entity, including another Masonic lodge or recognized Masonic body composed wholly of Masons, in the construction, ownership, and management of a building, or for any other purpose. [25-2; 43-2.13].
2. Any subordinate lodge which violates Regulation 43-8.1 above shall be subject to the arrest and forfeiture of its charter, or such other penalty as the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge may impose. [41-10.9; Chapter 31].
3. When a subordinate lodge makes an application for consent to do any of the acts or things enumerated in Regulation 43-8.1, it shall furnish therewith a full description of the purpose, plans of financing, plan and description of any building erected or to be erected, and such other information as the Lodge Service Commission may require.
4. In handling applications made under Regulation 43-8.1 the Lodge Service Commission shall have full power and authority to make such rules from time to time as it may find necessary to provide an orderly procedure for handling and disposing of such applications.
5. By decision of a majority of the Commission it may approve or reject any application.
6. A lodge shall have the right to appeal to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge from the decision of the Lodge Service Commission on its application.

REG. 43-9 DEBTS. The Grand Lodge is in no sense responsible for the payment of any debts or obligations of subordinate lodges beyond the extent of the assets of the subordinate lodge as provided in Regulation 49-7.8. [5-1.9].

REG. 43-10 SPECIAL FUNDS. A lodge may provide for one or more funds and the administration thereof by its trustees, but no lodge shall provide in its by-laws or otherwise for automatic allocation of its fees and dues, or any part of either to any special fund or special purpose. Any appropriation to any special fund or for any purpose shall be made by specific resolution for a specified sum in each instance. [43-3.20; 60-10; 63-13].

REG. 43-11 CORRESPONDENCE. All correspondence from a lodge in this

jurisdiction to a lodge in another grand jurisdiction upon the subject of conferring degrees, or any other Masonic matter except funerals, shall be sent through the office of our Grand Secretary. No lodge in this jurisdiction shall respond to correspondence from a lodge in another grand jurisdiction upon these subjects without first referring the same to our Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary may authorize direct correspondence between such lodges on any particular Masonic subject after it has been referred to him as herein provided. [16-1.12; 42-10; 71-10; 91-9.5; 93-2].

REG. 43-12 FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES. A subordinate lodge desiring to conduct fund-raising activities for Masonic Charity may do so provided the following conditions are met.

1. The activity is conducted over a period of no more than three consecutive days.
2. The activity is conducted no more than annually.
3. The activity is one of the following,
   A. The sale of food or food products,
   B. The sale of pre-priced goods, provided the marketing of such items shall not be perceived as a discredit to Masonry, or
   C. The sale of items by auction.
4. The lodge keeps careful financial records of the project.
5. The lodge protects itself against general and special liabilities. [77-1; 27-1.3.P].
6. Either substantially all of the work performed by or on behalf of the Lodge in preparing, delivering or selling food or goods shall be performed by members of the Lodge or others on a volunteer basis without compensation or substantially all of the food or goods sold must be received by the Lodge as gifts or contributions.
7. A subordinate lodge desiring to conduct any fund-raising activity for its own benefit or any fund raising activity other than those specified in Regulation 43-12.3 or in a manner other than that specified in Regulations 43-12.1, 43-12.2 and 43-12.1, 43-12.2 shall first submit an application detailing the planned project and its purpose to the Grand Lodge Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities and must receive its approval before actively undertaking the project. [32-4.3].
8. A subordinate lodge conducting any project without obtaining prior approval when required or in a manner other than allowed by this regulation or who shall divert funds for other than the stated purpose, shall be required to show cause why its charter should not be arrested.
9. A subordinate lodge conducting any fund-raising activity shall file a financial report on the project within 60 days after completing the project with The Grand Lodge Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities. The Lodge shall report the type of project, the purpose for which it was conducted, funds to be accounted for and distribution of profits.
10. A lodge conducting any fund raising activity shall complete that activity within sixty (60) days of beginning the project.
11. Lodges conducting any fund-raising activity shall complete any fund-raising project already underway before beginning another project.
12. The Grand Lodge Committee for Subordinate Lodge Special Activities shall have the power to approve charitable fund-raising sporting events and any normally acceptable related contest within such events so long as the fund-raising event and its related contest stay within the realm of amateur activities.

CHAPTER 44

Uniform Code of By-Laws for a Lodge

REG. 44-1 NOT ABANDONED OR SUSPENDED. No lodge shall abandon or suspend any of its by-laws even by unanimous consent except when specifically authorized by THE CODE. [44-7 (Art. 21); 45-7; 43-6; 54-1; 82-9].

REG. 44-2 AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS. The by-laws of a lodge may be amended only as set forth in this Chapter 44. [44-7 (Art. 24)].

1. Any amendment to the by-laws of a lodge to change the time or place of its stated communications shall be reported immediately to the Grand Secretary and the District Deputy Grand Master of the district.
2. The Committee on By-laws of the Grand Lodge shall not require any change of a by-law of a lodge that has been amended that does not conflict with THE CODE and other law of the Grand Lodge
3. An appeal may be taken from the decision of the Committee on By-laws to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge which shall be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence for consideration and report. [34-1; 34-15.1; 59-12.20; 8-3; 8-3.4].

REG. 44-3 BY-LAWS SHALL CONTAIN. The by-laws of each lodge shall contain;

1. The day and hour of its stated communications,
2. The place where its communications shall be held,
3. The amount which shall be charged as fees for the degrees,
4. The amount which shall be charged as annual dues, and
5. The matters set forth in Regulation 44-7 at Articles 1, 2, 3, 13, 23, 24 and 25, except that in the by-laws of a lodge U. D., Articles 3 and 11 of Regulation 44-7 shall not be used.

REG. 44-4 BY-LAWS MAY CONTAIN. The by-laws of a lodge may contain;

1. Such law for its definitely local affairs as it may deem proper, *provided*, that such enactment does not conflict with the laws of the Grand Lodge, and
2. Such other matters as are provided for in this Chapter 44.

REG. 44-5 BY-LAWS SHALL NOT CONTAIN. A lodge shall not copy into the body of its by-laws THE CODE of the Grand Lodge or any part thereof except as otherwise specifically required.

REG. 44-6 VOID BY-LAWS. A by-law of a lodge is void and of no effect when it conflicts with the law of the Grand Lodge.

REG. 44-7 UNIFORM BY-LAWS. The Grand Lodge recommends that each lodge adopt by-laws conforming to the articles hereinafter set forth.

1. A lodge may adopt an alternative provision of any article where provided and as set forth hereunder.
2. The *notes* shown under the several articles are only instructions explanatory of the action a lodge shall take and they are not to be construed as a part of the article itself to be incorporated in the by-laws of a lodge.

3. The form of by-laws contained in this regulation may be referred to as the Uniform By-Laws.
4. The word SECTION wherever used in this Chapter as indicating a subdivision of the Uniform By-laws is not a part of the *Constitution* of the Grand Lodge, but is a part of the *Regulations*. See SECTION 10-3. [9-2].

BY-LAWS OF
_____ LODGE NO. _____ A.F.&A.M.

ARTICLE 1

SECTION 1. The name of this lodge shall be _____ Lodge No. _____, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

SECTION 2. It shall be located at (or near) _____ in _____ County, North Carolina.
Note: Use the word "at" or "near," whichever is the more definite.

SECTION 3. It hereby acknowledges obedience and yields allegiance to The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2

SECTION 1. Where the term THE CODE appears in these by-laws, it shall have direct reference to THE CODE of law of The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 3

SECTION 1. This lodge hereby adopts the following design, an impression of which is made hereon, as its official seal: [46-4].

(Impress seal of lodge here)

ARTICLE 4

SECTION 1. The officers of this lodge, their respective qualifications, and their powers and duties shall be those prescribed in THE CODE, together with such other duties as shall properly pertain to their respective offices by the usage and customs of the Craft, and as may be required of them, from time to time or which may be prescribed in these by-laws. [Chapter 59].

ARTICLE 5

SECTION 1. In addition to the duties prescribed in THE CODE for the Treasurer he shall prepare and file with the lodge at the first stated communication in January each year a report showing the receipts, disbursements, and financial condition of the lodge for the preceding year ending December thirty-first. He shall make and file a similar report at any other time the lodge or the Master directs. His reports shall be referred to the Committee on Finance and Budget. [59-11].

ARTICLE 6

SECTION 1. In addition to the duties prescribed in THE CODE for the Secretary, he shall make and file with the lodge at the first stated communication in January each year a report of the work done, condition of the accounts of the lodge with its officers and members, and other matters relating to the finances and business of the lodge which may be under his care. He shall make and file a similar report at any other time the lodge or the Master directs. His reports on financial matters shall be referred to the Committee on Finance and Budget. [59-12; Chapter 59].

ARTICLE 7

SECTION 1. In addition to the duties prescribed in THE CODE for the Tyler, he shall perform such other duties as the lodge or the Master may direct, from time to time. [59-16].

ARTICLE 8

SECTION 1. A stated communication of this lodge shall be held on _____ of each month at _____M.

A. Except that for the months of _____ the hour shall be _____ M.

SECTION 2. By a majority vote at a stated communication the lodge may dispense with stated communications during either or all of the months of June, July and August, and those falling on legal holidays, except the annual communication which shall be governed by THE CODE. [45-2].

First Alternative Form for Section 3

SECTION 3. *All communications shall be held at* _____ *Street, in the County of* _____ *North Carolina.*

Second Alternative Form for Section 3

SECTION 3. *All communications shall be held at the lodge hall in (or near)* _____ *in the County of* _____, *North Carolina.*

NOTE 1: *In Section 1 the day and time of the stated communications shall be shown only in the following manner: "Every Monday of each month at seven P.M. " or "the first and fourth Mondays of each month at seven-thirty P.M." or "the first Monday and the third Saturday of each month at eight P.M." or "the first Monday at eight P.M. and the third Saturday at three P.M. " as the case may be; but shall not be shown as the day depending upon some other event, such as "the first Monday after (or before) the full moon." The weekday shown must be certain and definite as illustrated in the foregoing examples.*

NOTE 2: *Section 1 A of this article may be omitted; but if it is included in the by-laws, it must not vary from the printed text.*

NOTE 3: *Section 2 of this article may be omitted; but if it is included in the by-laws, it must not vary from the printed text.*

NOTE 4: *Section 3 shows two alternative forms, the first being for use where streets are named and numbered, and the second for rural territory only. Use only the form that applies to the particular lodge. Section 3 shall not be omitted in its entirety.*

ARTICLE 9

SECTION 1. The fees for the degrees in this lodge shall be _____ dollars ($_____), all of which must accompany the petition and be paid in full before the petition shall be received by the lodge.

ARTICLE 10

SECTION 1. The annual membership dues in this lodge shall be _____ dollars ($_____) which each member shall pay in advance on or before the first day of January each year.
NOTE: *An amendment to Section 1 of this article shall not become effective until January first next following the date it is approved by the chairman of the Committee on By-laws of Subordinate Lodges, therefore, when an amendment to this section is made the following text should be used:* [77-2; 77-3].

SECTION 1. The annual membership dues in this lodge shall be _____ dollars ($_____) which each member shall pay in advance on or before the first day of January each year. This section shall become effective January first, 19_____ [77-2; 77-3].

ARTICLE 11

SECTION 1. The fee for affiliation with this lodge shall be _____ dollars ($_____) which must accompany the application for affiliation and be paid in full before the application shall be received by the lodge. NOTE: I*f no affiliation fee is desired, then leave this article blank and mark it obsolete. See Regulation* 44-8.5. [39-11; 75-13].

ARTICLE 12

SECTION 1. The standing committees of this lodge together with their respective duties shall be as prescribed in Chapter 61 of THE CODE.

ARTICLE 13

SECTION 1. The Master and Wardens shall constitute the Committee on Charity as provided in Regulation 61-2 of THE CODE, and during the recess of the lodge they shall have power to draw orders on the Treasurer for any sum, not to exceed _____ dollars for any one case, to relieve the distress of a worthy brother or those dependent upon him.

ARTICLE 14

First Alternative Form for Section 1

SECTION 1. *The Committee on Finance and Budget shall consist of three members to be appointed annually.* [61-3].

Second Alternative Form for Section 1

SECTION 1. *At the first annual communication after the adoption of this article, the lodge shall elect three members as the Committee on Finance and Budget; one to serve for three years, one to serve for two years, and one to serve for one year. At each succeeding annual communication one member shall be elected to serve for three years. Until this article becomes effective, the Master shall appoint three members to constitute this committee.* [61-3].

SECTION 2. *The duties of this committee shall be those prescribed in 61 of THE CODE.* [61-3].

NOTE: *Section 1 shows two alternative forms; use either but not both and do not vary from the printed text of the one selected. Section 2 shall be used as printed herein.*

ARTICLE 15

SECTION 1. The Treasurer, Secretary, Tyler, and any other officer or member shall receive such compensation for their respective services as shall from time to time be prescribed and fixed by resolution of the lodge. [43-3.20].

ARTICLE 16

NOTE: *Under this article there are two different forms for Trustees. A lodge must adopt only one of them, and adopt it completely and exactly as it is shown.*

First Alternative Form

SECTION 1. *Not later than the first stated communication after the adoption of this by-law, the lodge shall elect by a majority vote three members, qualified as provided by THE CODE of the Grand Lodge, as trustees, one to serve one year, one to serve two years, and one to serve three years. At each succeeding election of officers one trustee shall be elected by a majority vote to serve three years; he shall be qualified as provided by THE CODE.* [Chapter 60].

Second Alternative Form

SECTION 1. *Not later than the first stated communication after the adoption of this by-law, the lodge shall elect by a majority vote five members, qualified as provided by THE CODE of the Grand Lodge, as trustees, one to serve one year, one to serve two years, one to serve three years, one to serve four years, and one to serve five years. At each succeeding election of officers one trustee shall be elected by a majority vote to serve five years; he shall be qualified as provided by THE CODE.* [Chapter 60].

ARTICLE 17

SECTION 1. *The powers and duties of the Trustees shall be those prescribed in THE CODE, and those prescribed in Article 18 of these by-laws.*

NOTE: *If Article 18 is not used or is omitted, then this Section I shall read as follows: SECTION 1. The powers and duties of the trustees shall be those prescribed in THE CODE.*

ARTICLE 18

NOTE: *Under this article, the lodge may specify additional duties or rules for trustees, but not in conflict with THE CODE. As many sections or subsections may be used as are needed . If this article is not used, then see Regulation 44-8.5, leave this article blank and mark it obsolete*

ARTICLE 19

NOTE. *Under this article the lodge may provide law for definitely exclusive local matters not in conflict with THE CODE, but no part of THE CODE shall be repeated here. The lodge may make as many sections under this article as may be required to meet the need of such exclusively local law. If this article is not used, then see Regulation 44-8.5, leave this article blank and mark it obsolete.*
NOTE. *If the lodge desires to elect both Deacons and both Stewards or both Deacons as provided in Regulation [54-2.1], use the following form as the by-law giving it the proper section number under this article. Do not change the text of the form.*
NOTE: *If the lodge desires to authorize its Master, in his discretion, to appoint a Chaplain for a full Masonic term as provided in Regulation 53-1.1 use the following form as the required by-law giving it the proper section number under this ARTICLE.*

FORM

ARTICLE 19

First Alternative Form

SECTION—. *All of the officers of this lodge, except the Tyler, shall be elected as provided in Regulation 54-2.1 of THE CODE.*

Second Alternative Form

SECTION—. All of the officers of this lodge, except both Stewards and the Tyler, shall be *elected as provided in Regulation 54-2.1 of THE CODE.*

SECTION—. *The Master in his discretion may appoint a Chaplain, under the provisions of Regulation 53-1.1, as adopted April 17, 1958.*

ARTICLE 20

SECTION 1. The Secretary shall furnish a surety bond in the sum of _____ dollars, and the Treasurer shall furnish a surety bond in the sum of _____ dollars for the faithful performance of their respective duties. [59-11.7; 59-12.2].

SECTION 2. The _____ shall furnish a surety bond in the sum of _____ dollars for the faithful performance of _____ duties.

SECTION 3. The lodge shall approve all such bonds and pay the premium thereon.
NOTE: *Use Section 2 to provide for bonding any other brother than the Secretary or the Treasurer. Section 3 must be used as printed above, in case Section "1 " or "2" is used. Provided no bonds are required, the sections of this article may be omitted and the article marked obsolete.* [44-8.5; 60-1.3.H].

ARTICLE 21

SECTION 1. When the lodge is opened on a stated communication, the following order of business shall be observed subject to change or modification

by the lodge or the Master, that will adapt it to a proper disposition of the business of the lodge. [44-2.1].

A. Reading of the minutes of the last stated and all intervening communications. [45-21.1].
B. Unfinished business. [45-21.2].
C. Reading and acting on correspondence. [45-21.3].
D. Reports of investigating committees. [45-21.4].
E. Balloting on petitions and applications. [45-21.5].
F. Reception of petitions for the degrees and applications for membership, restoration, or advancement. [45-21.6].
G. Reports of standing committees: [45-21.7].
   (1) On Charity. [61-2].
   (2) On Finance and Budget. [61-3].
   (3) On Reference. [61-4].
   (4) On the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. [61-5].
   (5) On Masonic and Eastern Star Home. [61-6].
   (6) On Masonic Education. [61-7].
H. Reports of special committees. [45-21.7].
I. New business. [45-21.8].
J. Motions and resolutions. [45-21.9].
K. Informal communications affecting the Craft. [45-21.10].
L. Degree work, including examination of candidates. [45-21.11].
M. Reading and approval of minutes, except when opened in ample form. [45-21.12].
N. Closing the lodge. [45-21.13].

ARTICLE 22

SECTION 1. Miscellaneous laws are as follows:

A. The Master shall put all questions distinctly; if any division is called for, he shall request those who voted in the affirmative to rise and he shall count them; and then the negative, then he shall declare the result. [45-23.9].
B. In case of a vote on any question the majority of those present voting for or against shall be necessary to a decision except when more than a majority is required by law for a decision, in case of a tie the presiding officer shall decide; *provided*, he has not already voted. [59-2.25; 63-13; 63-16; 45-23.18; 45-23.19].
C. When a brother is about to speak, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Worshipful Master. [45-23.2].
D. If any brother in speaking or otherwise shall transgress the rules of the lodge, the Master or any member may call him to order; he shall immediately take his seat, and the member calling him to order shall state the point of order. The Master shall decide the question of order without debate except that the brother called to order may be allowed to explain. If the decision be in favor of the brother, he shall be at liberty to proceed if he continues to be in order. [45-23.2].
E. When two or more members rise at once, the Master shall name the one entitled to the floor.
F. No visitor shall address the lodge without leave being first obtained or unless he be called on by the Master.

G. When the Master is stating a question or addressing the lodge or when a brother is speaking, no person shall enter, go out of, or cross the room, nor shall one be permitted to enter into private discourse. [45-23.14].
H. No motion for reconsideration shall be made, except by a member voting in the majority and at the same communication when the question shall have been decided. [63-13; 45-23.18; 45-23.19].
I. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Master; and if it be in writing, it shall be read by the Secretary before debate.
J. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if a member requests it. In filling in blanks the largest sum or number and the longest time shall be first stated. [45-23.5].
K. Any motion may be withdrawn by the mover before decision or amendment, but not thereafter. [45-23.6].
L. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted while a question is pending before the lodge. [45-23.12].
M. No brother shall speak more than twice on the same subject or question unless he obtains the permission of the Master. [45-23.7].
N. Every member appointed on a committee must serve unless, for reasons given, he shall be excused by the Master. [61-9].
O. No brother shall interrupt another when speaking except by permission of the Master and the brother then speaking. [45-23.7].
P. No brother shall engage in conversation during the conferring of the degrees except when it is necessary to facilitate the work. [71].
Q. No brother shall smoke in the lodge room while a degree is being conferred. [45-20]

ARTICLE 23

SECTION 1. THE CODE, laws, edicts, and resolutions of The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, and all future revisions, amendments, additions or changes made thereto by said Grand Lodge are hereby made a part of these by-laws as fully as if set forth herein; and no part of these by-laws which conflict therewith shall be valid or effective.

ARTICLE 24

SECTION 1. These by-laws shall be amended only in the following manner: [44-2.1]. The proposed amendment shall specify the affected section or subsection and shall contain the entire section or subsection rewritten in such form as to express the law as intended, and shall be submitted in writing and read at a stated communication as a substitute for the existing section or subsection, or as an addition thereto, or as a change in the seal of the lodge, as the case may be; after which it shall lay over for one lunar month when it shall again be read and submitted to a vote, and adopted by not less than two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present. While such amendment is under consideration, it may be amended if the amendment thereto is germane to the subject. After the adoption of such amendment or revision, two complete copies thereof with two copies of a Certificate on Official Form 60 under the seal of the lodge shall be forwarded to the Grand Lodge Committee on By-laws of Subordinate Lodges and no amendment, revision, or change in the by-laws shall be effective until the date it is approved by the Grand Lodge Committee on By-laws of Subordi-

nate Lodges; an amendment providing for an additional subsection shall be lettered as a section or a subsection but not as an additional article. [43-10; 45-3.4.E].

REG. 44-8 RULES FOR ADOPTION. Article 1 of the Uniform By-laws shall not be amended by a lodge unless the Grand Lodge has first approved a change in either the name or location or both of the lodge.

1. Article 8, Section 1-A may be omitted entirely. If used, it may be amended as provided in Article 24 and Regulation 44-8.2.
2. Only the day, hour, or meeting place stated in Section 1, 1A, and 3 of Article 8 and the sums of money stated in Articles 9, 10, 11, and 13 may be amended by the lodge. The remaining text of each shall be amended only by the Grand Lodge.
3. Articles 18 and 19 may be amended in whole or in part as provided for in Article 24. Articles 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8(2), 12, 14(2), 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 and the printed text of all other articles or alternative forms thereunder shall be amended only by the Grand Lodge.
4. Article 8, Section 3, Article 14, Section 1, and Article 16 may be amended by adopting as an amendment one of the alternative forms shown therefor in the respective article.
5. If a lodge does not use, in its by-laws, Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, or 22, the number of the omitted article should be shown in the by-laws, the space immediately underneath left blank, and the word obsolete inserted in the blank space. The number and context of each article appearing in the by-laws shall fully agree with the form of by-laws set up in this chapter, and no article therein set up shall be omitted completely from the by-laws of a lodge.
6. Articles 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 23, 24 and 25 of Regulation 44-7 shall be used as set forth therein and Articles 3 and 11 shall not be used in the by-laws of a lodge Under Dispensation while it is under dispensation. [44-4].
7. The printed text of any article, or alternative form, or any part thereof, of the Uniform Code of By-laws shall be changed *only* by the Grand Lodge, which shall have the effect of automatically amending or changing the by-laws of a lodge that uses the Uniform Code of By-laws as set up in Regulation 44-7, to the extent of such change and without action by the lodge.

REG. 44-9 AMENDMENTS UNFINISHED BUSINESS. A revision of, or an amendment to, the by-laws of a lodge which has been presented and read as provided in Regulation 44-7, Article 24 Section 1, being unfinished business of the lodge until it has been approved by the Grand Lodge Committee on By-laws of Subordinate Lodges as therein set forth, may be further amended if the amendment thereto is germane to the subject and adopted at any subsequent stated communication, but not after the date the said Committee shall have approved the same.

REG. 44-10 MEMBERS DO NOT SIGN BY-LAWS. Members shall not be required to sign the by-laws of the lodge. [71-3].

CHAPTER 45

Communication of a Lodge

REG. 45-1 COMMUNICATIONS. The communications of a lodge shall be *stated* communications and *emergent* communications.

1. The *stated* communications shall be held at such time as the lodge prescribes in its by-laws and shall be held at a definite hour on a particular week day of the calendar month. This subdivision cannot be dispensed with, except as provided in Regulation 45-2. [54-1.1; 45-23.1].
2. An *Emergent* communication may be held as provided in Regulations 45-3, 45-3.1, and 45-4.
3. The minutes of every communication, stated and emergent, shall show the day of the month, the year, and the hour the lodge was opened. [45-2.4; 62-1.1.C; 62-2.6].

REG. 45-2 STATED COMMUNICATION. A lodge shall hold at least one stated communication each calendar month, however, it may provide in its by-laws for the omission of any or all stated communications during either or all of the months of June, July and August and those falling on legal holidays.

1. In the event the stated communication, as named in the by-laws of a lodge at which the officers should be elected as required by Regulation 54-1, shall fall on a legal holiday then the lodge shall hold that stated communication on the day following such legal holiday, except Sunday. [43-2.4; 44-7 (Art.8); 54-1.1].
2. A lodge cannot hold more than one stated communication on the same day.
3. A lodge cannot transact the business of a stated communication until the hour fixed in the by-laws as the time of the meeting.
4. A lodge, regularly opened on the third degree for an emergent communication on the day of a stated communication at an earlier hour than that named in its by-laws for that stated communication, may be changed to a stated communication without going through the ceremonies of closing and again opening in the following manner.
   A. At a time not more than thirty minutes after the hour named in the by-laws for the stated communication, the Master shall announce in open lodge that "the hour for the stated communication having arrived, and the lodge having been opened on the degree of Master Mason, further work in the emergent communication will be deferred and the business of the stated communication taken up."
   B. The work of the emergent communication shall be concluded before the lodge is closed.
   C. The minutes shall show that the declaration was made by the Master and shall give the names of the officers occupying the various stations and places, and the hour that the stated communication was declared open. [44-7 (Art.21, Sec.1); 45-2.3, 45-3.3; 62-1.1.C; 71-17].

REG. 45-3 EMERGENT COMMUNICATIONS. Emergent communications of a lodge may be held at any time at the pleasure of the Master as provided by law and the usages of the Craft. [45-1.2; 45-5; 45-3.1; 45-4; 59-2.5; 59-9.6].

1. If an emergent communication is ordered and announced at a stated communication for a purpose then and there stated, no other notice shall be necessary.

2. If not so ordered, then notice of the time and object of such emergent communication shall be given each resident member so far as practicable. [45-1.2; 59-12.12].
3. A lodge cannot transact the business of an emergent communication until the hour named in the call and notice therefor.
4. A lodge shall not transact the following business at an emergent communication:
   A. Election of officers, [54-1; 54-1.2; 54-1.1; 54-1.3]
   B. Receipt of petitions for the degrees or action thereon, [65-1; 68-1]
   C. Receipt of applications for affiliation or restoration or action thereon, [68-1; 75-8; 78-2.2.D; 101-6]
   D. Receipt of applications for advancement or action thereon, [68-1; 73-6]
   E. Amend the by-laws of the lodge, [44-7 (Art.24)]
   F. Grant a demit, [76-4]
   G. Exclude a member for non-payment of dues, [77-20.10]
   H. Grant a waiver of jurisdiction, or [42-9]
   I. Transact any business which is required by law, or by order of the Grand Master, to be transacted at a stated communication.
5. A ballot which may deprive a brother of his Masonic standing must be taken at a stated communication. It may be taken at an emergent communication only when discipline is applied under Chapter 100 for contempt.

REG. 45-4 NOTICES. All notices emanating from a lodge, or its officers, shall be sent to members under sealed cover, except that a notice setting forth merely the time and place of meetings and the degree to be conferred may be published in the newspapers, sent by postal card, or both. Unless otherwise provided, a notice of a communication shall be deemed sufficient if it is given not less than twenty-four hours, or published in a local newspaper not less than eight hours prior to the communication.

1. An emergent communication to conduct Masonic burial services may be held at any time without previous notice provided there is a quorum present. Reasonable means should be employed to notify the members of such communication. [45-1.2; 45-2.3, 45-3.3; 45-5; 59-12.12; 87-3].
2. Any required notice which is mailed to a brother at his last known address for mail is a proper notice. [45-3.1; 43-6].

REG. 45-5 CALL FOR EMERGENT COMMUNICATION. The Master, or in his absence the Senior Warden, or in the absence of both, the Junior Warden, may call an emergent communication of the lodge at his pleasure. On a written request of eight or more members of the lodge, the Master shall call an emergent communication for the consideration of such matters as may be named in said request. Due notice of all emergent communications shall be given to the members of the lodge, and no business shall be transacted at the communication except that specified in the call. [45-4; 59-9.3].

REG. 45-6 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION. The annual communication shall be held as provided in Regulation 54-1. [54-1.1].

REG. 45-7 PLACE OF COMMUNICATIONS. The communications of a lodge shall be held in the meeting place or hall within the city, or town, or place

of its location as the lodge shall name in its by-laws. [13-3.8.G; 38-4; 38-4.1; 38-4.2; 38-5; 42-3; 71-12; 71-14; 82-9].

REG. 45-8 QUORUM. Seven Master Masons, members of the lodge, one of whom shall be authorized to open the lodge and preside, shall constitute a quorum to open the lodge on any degree and for the transaction of any business that may lawfully come before a Master Mason's lodge. The Tyler, if a member of the lodge, may be one of the seven. [38-2; 39-11; 45-8; 74-1; 87-3].

REG. 45-9 DEGREE ON WHICH LODGE OPENED. All business shall be transacted in a Master Mason's Lodge, except proficiency examinations and degree work in the first and second degrees, or the discipline of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts as provided in Chapter 108.

1. A subordinate lodge shall be opened and closed on the degree of Master Mason in Due Form and on the first and second degrees in Form, except when the Grand Master opens and presides, then they shall be opened and closed in Ample Form.
2. The representatives of the three Lesser Lights shall be lighted at all times when a lodge is open on the Degree of Entered Apprentice. It shall be optional whether they be lighted at any other time when the lodge is open. Their places shall be in a triangular position near the altar.

REG. 45-10 CONFERRAL OF DEGREES. A lodge shall hold but one emergent communication in any one day to confer any one of the three degrees.

1. It may confer each degree but once on any one day.
2. If two or more emergent communications are called on the same day for the purpose of conferring degrees, the lodge may be opened on the degree of Master Mason, and then not closed on that degree until after the completion of the degree work for that day.
3. The lodge shall be opened and closed on each degree in which work is done and a proper record shall be kept of the proceedings of the lodge and of the brethren present at each degree. [45-15; 71-21].

REG. 45-11 SUNDAY COMMUNICATIONS. A lodge shall not hold a communication on Sunday except to conduct a funeral or to attend religious services, and the lodge must be opened before and closed before or after either event. [43-3.15; 82-3; 84-4].

REG. 45-12 ACTING MASTER. When the Master is absent, the Senior Warden shall preside and perform his duties as *Acting Master*.
If both the Master and the Senior Warden are absent, the Junior Warden shall act as Master. If the Master and both Wardens are absent at a stated or lawfully called emergent communication, the lodge may be opened by the junior Past Master in point of service of said lodge present, who shall for the time being have all the powers of the Master. Business may be transacted as if the Master were present. The powers of a Past Master serving as Acting Master shall not extend beyond that particular meeting. The brother occupying the East shall be covered and wear the jewel of the Master. [57-2; 57-3; 57-8.1; 57-8; 59-2.24; 59-2.50; 59-9.4; 59-9.7; 59-10.3; 87-3; Chapter 57].

1. In the absence of any member qualified to open and preside, the lodge cannot be opened. If the circumstances justify it, the Grand Master may commission a Past Master of another lodge in the state to open and preside

for a specified communication only, or he may direct a District Deputy Grand Master to do so. [13-3.3; 59-2.24; 87-3].

2. The ranking officer present may permit or request any Master Mason to open the lodge and conduct its business and do its work, provided the Master, one of the Wardens, or a brother legally qualified to open and preside over the lodge, is present at all times. The Master Mason so presiding shall be responsible to the officer who places him in the East. [71-15].
3. A brother *acting* in any office of the lodge shall be addressed as if he were the regular officer. [56-3; 57-8; 57-8.2].

REG. 45-13 SPECIAL NIGHTS. A lodges shall not designate any communication as a special night for any particular profession, trade, or organization. No degree shall be conferred in the uniform or dress of any organization or trade excepting those of the armed forces of the United States. This regulation does not apply to Past Master's Night, Grand Master's Night, or Masonic Veteran's Night.

REG. 45-14 FAILURE TO MEET FOR SIX MONTHS. The Grand Master should arrest the charter of a lodge which has had no meeting for six consecutive months, and cite it to appear before the Grand Lodge unless immediate and satisfactory steps be taken to rehabilitate the lodge. A District Deputy Grand Master shall be negligent in his duty if he fails to report such dormant lodge to the Grand Master.
[41-10.6; 49-2].

REG. 45-15 DEGREE MUST BE OPENED FOR WORK. No work can be done in any degree without a formal opening of the lodge on that degree. [45-10].

REG. 45-16 NO WORK AT REFRESHMENT. No part of the work of a lodge shall be done by a lodge while at refreshment. A lodge shall not be called from labor to refreshment or dispense with labor while conferring a section of a degree. [72-2].

REG. 45-17 WORK MUST BE COMPLETED. A lodge duly opened on the degree of Master Mason can dispense with labor and open in any other degree or for the purpose of examining candidates for advancement. When a lodge has been opened for any purpose, it may complete the work or business for which it was convened before it is closed. A lodge, when opened on any degree, shall not call off or adjourn, but it may be called from labor to refreshment as often as desired for a specified time not beyond the same day. The lodge must be closed on each degree on which it opens even if the hour should be past low twelve of the day it was opened, but the lodge shall be closed before the members disperse. [59-2.6].

REG. 45-18 MASTER MASON'S LODGE CLOSED. Every Master Mason's lodge shall be closed *until the next stated communication unless sooner convened.* Lodges of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons shall be closed without date.

REG. 45-19 STYLE OF MASTER MASON'S LODGE. It shall be improper

to style a lodge of the third degree as a *Master's Lodge*. The correct appellation is *Master Mason's Lodge*.

REG. 45-20 TOBACCO DURING A DEGREE. Use of tobacco in a lodge while a degree is being conferred is prohibited. [44-7 (Art.22Q)].

REG. 45-21 ORDER OF BUSINESS. Subject to change or modification by the lodge or by the Master, the order of business at each stated communication shall be as follows:

1. *Reading minutes:* reading minutes of the last stated communication to bring forward unfinished business and intervening communications as information to the members. [44-7 (Art.21A); 45-23].
2. *Unfinished business:* business previously laid over. [44-7 (Art.21B)].
3. *Reading correspondence and action thereon*: all official correspondence and any other of interest to the lodge shall be read, or the substance of their contents fully and clearly stated, and such action taken thereon as each case may require. All official communications from the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary or any officer or agency of the Grand Lodge shall be read in the lodge at the next stated communication after it is received. [44-7 (Art.21C)].
4. *Reports of Committees of Investigation on petitions and applications*: reports of committees appointed to investigate petitions and applications should be presented, and the fact of the presentation but not the character of the report should be entered on the record. [44-7 (Art. 21D)].
5. *Balloting*: a separate secret ballot must be taken on each petition for degrees and each application for advancement, membership or restoration and the result entered on the minutes. [44-7 (Art.21E)].
6. *Reception of petitions and applications*: read by the Secretary and record thereof made stating that the fees are paid. [44-7 (Art.21F)].
7. *Reports of standing and special Committees*: read and acted upon. Reports and action on important matters should be recorded in the minutes at length; matters of minor importance may be recorded briefly. [44-7 (Art.21G,H)].
8. *New business*: bills read and referred or allowed; notice to delinquents ordered; exclusion of delinquents; general remarks. [44-7 (Art.21I)].
9. *Motions and resolutions*: consideration and action upon motions and resolutions. [44-7 (Art.21J)]
10. *Informal communications affecting the Craft*: correspondence of a general nature such as notes of appreciation for courtesies shown. [44-7 (Art.21 K)].
11. *Work*: examination for proficiency and work in any of the degrees. [44-7 (Art.21L)].
12. *Reading minutes*: reading of minutes for correction and approval. [44-7 (Art.21M)].
13. *Closing*. [44-7 (Art.21N)].

REG. 45-22 FLAG AND PLEDGE. The flag of the United States shall be displayed on a suitable standard in the East at the right hand of the Master, at every communication of each lodge. A pledge of allegiance to the flag shall be given at the opening of every communication of a lodge.

REG. 45-23 RULES OF ORDER IN LODGE. The following rules of order are

for the government of subordinate lodges at their communications.

1. The lodge shall meet at the time and place specified in its by-laws, or in the call for the communication. After it has been opened, if the communication is stated, the record of its proceedings at the last stated and all intervening communications shall be read, the former to bring forward unfinished business and all of them as information to the members present. [45-21.1].
2. When a brother rises to speak, he shall respectfully address himself to the Master, if he transgresses the rules of the lodge in speaking or otherwise, the Master shall call him to order, when he shall immediately sit down unless permitted to explain. After he is put right, he may proceed if he observes due order and decorum. If he is guilty of transgressing the rules a second time, he may be peremptorily ordered to leave the lodge room for that communication or he may be dealt with for contemptuous conduct under Chapter 100.
3. The action of the lodge should be invoked by motion only in case there is something for the lodge to decide, that is, where it can legally say *Yes or No* to a proposition or question. If the lodge must vote *Yes*, then no vote is necessary, the Master must act without a vote. No motion to appoint a committee on a petition for degrees or membership is in order. When a petition is received, a committee *must* be appointed. No motion to spread the ballot is necessary. At the proper time it must be spread.
4. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Master or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary. Debate may follow.
5. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if any member requests it.
6. After a motion is stated by the Master or read by the Secretary, it shall be considered in possession of the lodge. It may be withdrawn by the mover before decision or amendment, but not thereafter.
7. No brother shall be permitted to speak more than twice on any question without leave nor more than once until every other brother wishing to speak has spoken. When two or more rise at the same time to speak, the Master shall name the brother who shall speak first. [36-3].
8. When a motion is under debate, no motion shall be received except to
   A. close debate,
   B. to refer to a committee,
   C. to postpone final decision until a designated time during the present communication or to a subsequent stated communication, or
   D. to amend.
   E. These motions shall be considered in the order herein given. [36-10.7; 45-23.13].
9. Any member may call for a division of the question where the nature of the subject will permit.
10. Motions and reports may be referred to committees at the discretion of the Master unless otherwise provided. The Master may refuse to entertain a motion. [59-2.10].
11. A motion to amend, until decided, shall preclude all other amendments of the main question.
12. No new motion which totally changes the subject matter on which the original motion was intended to operate shall be submitted under color of amendment or as a substitute for the motion under debate.
13. The debate ceases at the will and pleasure of the Master. [36-3; 45-23.8]

14. While the Master is addressing the lodge or putting a question, or while a brother is speaking, no brother shall engage in private discourse or pass between the speaker and the chair.
15. All members shall keep their places except the Deacons and the Stewards who may move from place to place in discharge of their duties.
16. There shall be no debate after the question is put by the Master.
17. Every member present when a question is put shall be required to vote if entitled to do so unless excused by the Master. No member can be excused from voting in a secret ballot by balls and cubes. [63-4; 68-3.16]
18. All matters before the lodge for determination shall be decided by a majority vote except where otherwise provided by law. [63-13].
19. No member except one of the majority which decided a question shall be permitted to move for a reconsideration of such question. [63-13].
20. No appeal lies to a subordinate lodge from a decision of its Master. His decision can be reviewed only by the Grand Master during the recess of the Grand Lodge subject to final action by the Grand Lodge at its annual communication. Such appeal can be taken by any member of the lodge. This paragraph has no application to proceedings upon charges for unmasonic conduct under Chapter 100. [36-3; 36-4; 59-2.10; 59-2.11; 59-5; 59-2.29].

CHAPTER 46

Seal of a Lodge

REG. 46-1 LODGE SHALL ADOPT A SEAL. Each chartered lodge shall, within two months from the date of its charter, adopt and obtain a suitable seal bearing such authorized Masonic characters and devices as it may deem proper and having inscribed thereon the name and number of the lodge, the date of its charter and the place of its location. [41-5; 41-5.1, 41-5.2, 41-5.3; 43-2.11; 44-7(Art.3); 59-12.8;].

REG. 46-2 OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS BEAR SEAL. All official documents or papers of every kind whatsoever emanating from a lodge, from its Master, or from the Secretary in his official capacity shall bear the impress of its seal. [59-12.8].

REG. 46-3 SEAL FILED WITH GRAND SECRETARY. An impression of such seal or any changes thereof shall be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary shall be notified promptly of the loss or change of the seal of a lodge, and an impression of the new seal shall be filed with him promptly.

REG. 46-4 CHANGE OR LOSS OF SEAL. If a lodge, for any reason, changes its name or location from that which is set forth in its charter, its seal shall also be changed to agree with the new name or location. A lodge may change the design of its seal at any time. Any lodge whose seal has been lost or has become unreadable because of wear or damage shall forthwith obtain another seal.

1. In every case the seal shall comply with Regulation 46-1.
2. If a lodge adopts a new design for any reason it must amend its by-laws and provide therein for such change and describe or impress the design thereof in said by-law.
3. In every case an impression of the new seal shall be promptly filed with the Grand Secretary. [43-2.11].

CHAPTER 47

Return of a Lodge

REG. 47-1 FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year of subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be from January first to December thirty-first inclusive. [5-3; 21-1].

REG. 47-2 GRAND SECRETARY PROVIDES FORMS. On or before the fifteenth day of November in each year, the Grand Secretary shall forward to the Secretary of each lodge sufficient copies of blank forms for its annual return to the Grand Lodge. Returns are required from lodges under dispensation as well as from chartered lodges. [16-1.30].

REG. 47-3 WHO PREPARES. Immediately after the first day of January each year the brothers who were Master and Secretary, or acting as such, at the close of the preceding fiscal year shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, two copies of the form for the annual return of the lodge for the preceding fiscal year.

REG. 47-4 INFORMATION ENTERED. The information to be entered on the annual return of a lodge shall be initiations, passings, raisings, admissions, restorations, demissions, deaths, exclusions for nonpayment of dues, expulsions, and suspensions giving names in full with the respective dates. Additional information may be called for by the Grand Secretary on forms. The annual return shall be prepared on a typewriter or computer printer in the manner called for on the form. [88-2].

REG. 47-5 SIGNATURE AND FILING. Both copies of the annual return shall be signed by the then Master and Secretary, respectively, and under seal of the lodge. The original shall be filed with the Grand Secretary, and the copy shall be filed in the permanent records of the lodge.

REG. 47-6 TIME OF FILING. It shall be the special duty of the Master and the Secretary of each lodge to see that the annual return of their lodge for each fiscal year is filed with the Grand Secretary in time to be received by him, in the ordinary course of United States mail by the succeeding fifteenth day of February. [20-1.4].

REG. 47-7 DELINQUENCY. The fact that the annual return of a lodge for a fiscal year is not received by the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of March of the succeeding year shall be prima facie evidence of the delinquency. [41-10.8; 47-9.2; 20-1.4].

1. The lodge shall be assessed five dollars for each day it is delinquent beginning March first, which assessment shall not be waived, abated, or remitted, except for good cause by action of the Grand Secretary upon written petition therefor. [5-1.1].
2. The Grand Master may suspend the Master or Secretary from office and may arrest or suspend the charter of the lodge for failing to file the annual return.
   A. Should the charter be arrested or suspended, or the Master or Secre-

tary be suspended, upon proper application, and on making due return and payment of its dues, assessments, and penalties provided by this regulation, the lodge or the officers may be restored to its former rank and privileges by the Grand Master, and he shall report his action to the Grand Lodge.

REG. 47-8 EXAMINATION AND CORRECTION. The Grand Secretary, as soon after the fifteenth day of February of each year as practicable, shall examine the returns of the several lodges carefully and correct all errors found therein, communicating with the Secretaries of the lodges whose returns are not correct to obtain the information necessary to make such corrections. The Grand Secretary shall prepare therefrom such statements and statistics for presentation to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge as will show the status of the membership, finances, and other details for the use of the officers, boards, commissions, and committees in their work. The Grand Secretary may refuse to accept a return which is not properly filled out, in which event the status will be the same as if the lodge had failed to file its return. [47-7].

REG. 47-9 FEES AND PENALTIES. At the same time the annual return of a lodge is filed with the Grand Secretary, the lodge shall pay in full the amount shown to be due to the Grand Lodge by its return.

1. If, after inspecting the return, it appears that the lodge has paid too much or too little the Grand Secretary shall promptly make refund for overpayment or call upon the lodge for adjustment of underpayment. [41-10.8].
2. If the return is made within the prescribed time but the payment therein required is not made within such time, then the provisions of this chapter as to penalties and assessments for delinquent returns shall apply for the delinquent payment. [16-1.16; 47-7].

REG. 47-10 REPRESENTATION IN GRAND LODGE. No lodge shall have representation in the Grand Lodge if its annual return for the preceding year has not been filed and the amount due thereon with all penalties and assessments fully paid by the day the annual communication begins.

CHAPTER 48

Consolidating Lodges

REG. 48-1 RESOLUTION AND PROCEDURE. Lodges occupying adjoining territory or having concurrent jurisdiction shall be permitted to consolidate, lodges desiring to consolidate shall take the following preliminary steps toward effecting a consolidation.

1. A resolution shall be presented at a stated communication proposing and agreeing to a consolidation with the other lodge or lodges named therein. This resolution shall lay over not less than twenty-seven days to a subsequent stated communication of the lodge. [Official Form 14].
2. Immediately after the first presentation of the resolution the Master of the lodge shall announce the date of the subsequent stated communication at which the resolution will be presented for action.
3. The Secretary of each lodge at interest shall within five days notify each member of his lodge of the proposition and the time and place when action will be taken thereon. The notice shall be in writing and forwarded by fully paid first-class United States mail to the last known mail address of the member. [Official Form 15].
4. The Secretary of each lodge shall make the following proof of service, which shall be noted on the minutes of his lodge, and when it is so made it shall be conclusive of the fact: "I hereby certify that I notified each member of _____ Lodge No. ____, A. F. & A. M., to attend the stated communication of said lodge to be held on _____, 19____ at _____M. at _____ N.C., by forwarding such notice, together with a notice of the resolution proposing and agreeing to consolidate this lodge with _____ Lodge No. ____, A. F. & A. M. (and if more than one lodge, the names and numbers of each) by fully prepaid first-class United States mail to his last known address for mail.

_____ Secretary."
5. At the stated communication designated and at which the members are notified to attend, a quorum being present, the Master shall submit this question: "Shall this lodge consolidate with _____ Lodge No. ____ A. F. & A. M. (giving the name and number of each lodge joining in the consolidation)?"
6. The vote shall be by ballot with the word *Yes* or *No* as each member determines his vote.
7. If the majority of the ballots are affirmative and if there are less than twenty negative votes, the lodge shall be recorded as in favor of such consolidation. Otherwise the lodge shall be recorded as rejecting such consolidation.
8. Any two or more lodges consenting to a consolidation may be consolidated, notwithstanding one or more lodges originally interested therein fail or refuse to consent thereto.
9. A certified copy of such resolution, with a certificate of mailing the notice therein provided for, and a statement of the vote cast for and against such resolution, signed by the Master and the Secretary and under seal of each lodge, shall be sent to the Grand Master and to the Secretary of each lodge interested in the consolidation immediately after the adoption or rejection

of such resolution. [Official Form 16].

10. If the Grand Master approves the action, he shall attach his approval thereto and transmit all of the documents to the Grand Secretary for the permanent records of the Grand Lodge, and immediately notify the Master of each interested lodge of his approval of such consolidation, and the consolidation shall be effective from the date of his approval. [48-3.1].
11. The Master of a lodge ceasing to exist by consolidation shall immediately transmit to the Grand Secretary the charter and the seal of his lodge, and such Master shall rank as a Past Master from the date the charter and seal are transmitted to the Grand Secretary, without regard to the term for which such Master was elected. [56-3; Chapter 53].

REG. 48-2 FAILURE OF A QUORUM. If after due notice as herein provided for and at a communication held in pursuance thereof, a quorum is not present, then the Grand Master shall fix a subsequent stated communication of the lodge for the consideration of the resolution, and the Grand Secretary shall issue a notice to all members of the lodge as hereinbefore provided, therein requiring their presence. At the time fixed by the Grand Master, he or his authorized representative with the members of the lodge then in attendance, but not less than seven such members, shall open the lodge and transact the business thereof and vote on the resolution proposing consolidation. If a majority of the members of the lodge vote Yes, then the lodge shall be recorded as in favor thereof. If at least twenty members vote No, then the lodge shall be recorded as rejecting such consolidation.

REG. 48-3 CONSOLIDATED LODGE. The name and number of the consolidated lodge shall be that of the oldest lodge consolidated considering the date of charter, and no new charter shall be necessary, nor shall it be necessary to constitute the lodge again.

1. The officers of the senior lodge shall be the officers of the consolidated lodge until the next annual communication, and no installation is required.
2. The Grand Master may order an election of officers of the consolidated lodge for the unexpired term, such election to be held at a stated communication thereof to be designated by him, and he may name the brethren who shall act as Master and Wardens at such election. The provisions of Chapters 54 and 55 shall be observed as far as they can be made to apply to such election and installation. [57-4].
3. The by-laws of the consolidated lodge shall be those of the senior lodge which were in effect at the time of the consolidation, and the stated communication of the consolidated lodge, until properly changed, shall be at the time fixed in those by-laws.
4. The territorial jurisdiction of a consolidated lodge shall be as provided in Chapter 42.
5. All members and unfinished material of a lodge or lodges ceasing to exist by the consolidation shall become members and unfinished material of the consolidated lodge. Unfinished material may be advanced in the same manner as if he were elected and initiated in the consolidated lodge.
6. All books, records, funds, and property of every kind or nature, except charters and seals, of the lodge or lodges ceasing to exist, together with all accounts receivable, including unpaid dues, shall become the property of the consolidated lodge, and the consolidated lodge shall assume and be

responsible for all debts and obligations of the lodges so consolidated or merged.

7. Any life member or honorary member of a lodge ceasing to exist shall retain his same status in the consolidated lodge. [48-1.11].

REG. 48-4 NOTICE OF COMPLETION. When the consolidation has been completed, the Secretary of the consolidated lodge shall notify the Grand Secretary of the first stated or emergent communication held after the consolidation becomes effective.

CHAPTER 49

Defunct and Dormant Lodges

REG. 49-1 DEFUNCT LODGE. A defunct lodge is one whose dispensation, warrant, or charter has been surrendered or revoked, or whose membership has been reduced to less than twenty members.

1. Any lodge with less than twenty members, or whose membership shall hereafter fall below twenty members, may be continued by dispensation of the Grand Master to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge at which time it shall be required to show cause why its charter should not be revoked.
2. The Grand Lodge may grant a further extension to the following annual communication for such lodge to remove the disability or rehabilitate itself. [41-1; 41-1.4].
3. The territory of a defunct lodge whose charter has been revoked or surrendered shall be as if such lodge had never existed.

REG. 49-2 DORMANT LODGE. A dormant lodge is one that has failed to meet for six consecutive months, or whose charter has been arrested but not revoked. [41-1.4; 41-10.6; 45-14; 49-9].

1. A lodge whose functions have been suspended by arrest of its charter by the Grand Master does not lose jurisdiction over its territory or its unfinished material until its charter has been revoked by the Grand Lodge.
2. During the time of arrest its members are all suspended from the rights and privileges of Masonry and its unfinished material can not be advanced.
3. No Grand Lodge demit may be issued to a member of such a lodge until after the Grand Lodge has revoked its charter. [41-1.4; 49-4.7; 75-15; 76-11.1].

REG. 49-3 REVOCATION CONCLUSIVE. The surrender or revocation of a charter, when declared by the Grand Lodge, shall be conclusive upon the lodge and its members.

1. Members of a lodge cannot grant demits to themselves after surrendering the charter.
2. Demitted Masons cannot surrender the charter of a lodge.

REG. 49-4 STANDING OF MEMBERS. The standing of a member of a lodge whose dues were paid when the charter of his lodge was surrendered or arrested and revoked shall be that of a nonaffiliated Master Mason as of the date of the surrender or arrest. [74-5.7].

1. Immediately after the return to the Grand Secretary of the charter, seal, books, and records of a defunct lodge he shall issue without cost to each member whose dues were fully paid up to the date charter was surrendered or revoked as shown by such books and records, a Grand Lodge demit under the seal of the Grand Lodge.
2. No brother who has not paid his dues in full shall receive a demit until he shall apply therefor and shall have paid to the Grand Secretary all his indebtedness to the defunct lodge at the date of its demise and shall have properly identified himself as being the one entitled to the demit. [41-15; 49-4.4; 74-5.7; 76-11.1; 78-4; Official Form 56].

3. Dues are to be charged to members of a defunct lodge to the date of surrender or revocation of its charter. [77-14.2; 77-13].
4. A member of a defunct lodge applying for Grand Lodge demit who was excluded for nonpayment of dues prior to the demise of his lodge shall pay to the Grand Secretary all of his indebtedness to the lodge at the date of his exclusion before the Grand Lodge demit shall be issued to him. [76-3.6; Official Form 56].
5. In the event the books and records of a defunct lodge are not available or have not been properly maintained, the Grand Secretary may require lawful information satisfactory to himself that a member thereof applying for a demit was a member of such lodge, and as to his status therein and that he is entitled to such demit. [75-6].
6. An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, reported to be in good standing when his lodge ceased to exist shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate to that effect upon application to the Grand Secretary. [39-13; 49-10.1; 76-2.1; Official Form 52].
7. A former member of a defunct lodge applying for Grand Lodge demit who was suspended or expelled for unmasonic conduct prior to the demise of his lodge must first be restored as provided in Chapter 101 before such a demit shall be issued.

REG. 49-5 INCORPORATED LODGE. A lodge heretofore incorporated under the civil law shall not have directors. Its officers shall be the Master as president, the Treasurer and the Secretary in like capacities. Its corporate business shall be conducted at its stated communications or at emergent communications specially called for that purpose. Loss of its Masonic charter by revocation, or loss of its rights thereunder to transact business, shall likewise and at the same time suspend its corporate powers to transact business, and upon revocation of such charter the Grand Master shall proceed at once to wind up its affairs and dissolve the corporation. Any officer or member of the lodge who fails or refuses to observe this regulation or any order issued by the Grand Master hereunder shall be guilty of unmasonic conduct and upon conviction shall be expelled. Loss of its civil charter shall not automatically affect its Masonic charter. [4-6; 43-8.1.D, 43-8.1.E;].

REG. 49-6 MEMBER ADMITTED WITHOUT DEMIT. A lodge which shall admit to membership a brother who was a member of a defunct lodge and who does not have a demit issued by the Grand Secretary shall thereby be liable to the Grand Lodge for the dues owing by the brother to his lodge at the time of its demise, and to such additional punishment as the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge may impose. [75-6].

REG. 49-7 PROPERTY OF DEFUNCT LODGE. Immediately upon the surrender or revocation of the charter of a lodge all moneys, books, records, papers, furniture, jewels, charter, seal, and all other property of every nature and kind, real and personal, belonging to such lodge at the time of its demise, shall become the property of the Grand Lodge to be applied as hereinafter provided.

1. Within thirty days from the date of surrender or revocation of its charter it shall be the duty of the last Master or, in his absence, the Wardens in order of seniority of a defunct lodge to surrender to the Grand Secretary or to a brother authorized by him each and every item of property described

in the preceding paragraph, belonging to the lodge.

2. A member of a lodge who shall refuse to make such surrender, or who shall by vote or otherwise make any other disposition of said property and effects other than as herein designated, shall be liable to Masonic discipline for violating the laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge. [56-3].
3. The Grand Master together with the Grand Secretary shall have the power and authority to sell any property of a defunct lodge which shall revert to the Grand Lodge under this Regulation.
4. The Grand Secretary, either in person or through the District Deputy Grand Master or some other brother authorized by him, shall take immediate possession of all property described in Regulation 49-7 including all real estate, furniture, and fixtures and sell the same except the charter seal, and records of the defunct lodge.
5. The Grand Secretary shall report the sale to the Grand Master and upon confirmation of the sale by the Grand Master. [26-3.12; 41-9.9; 41-12; 49-7.3, 49-7.7].
6. The Grand Secretary may employ some brother to collect the dues of the defunct lodge and may, with the approval of the Grand Master, employ counsel to assist him to wind up the affairs of the defunct lodge.
7. The Grand Master together with the Grand Secretary shall have the authority to execute and deliver a proper quit-claim deed therefor in the name of the Grand Lodge. No such deed shall contain any warranty whatever. [13-2.11; 49-7.4].
8. The assets of a defunct lodge shall be applied to the payment of its just debts under the direction of the Grand Secretary.
9. If anything remains after the just debts of the defunct lodge are paid, it becomes the sole property of the Grand Lodge. [5-1.9; 41-9.9].

REG. 49-8 DEBTS OF DEFUNCT LODGE. The Grand Lodge shall in no case and under no circumstances be liable for the indebtedness of a defunct lodge beyond the net amount realized from the sale of the property of such lodge after the necessary expenses have been deducted. [4-8].

REG. 49-9 TERRITORY OF A DORMANT LODGE. The Grand Master, on written application to him by the lodge or lodges nearest to a dormant lodge may authorize the nearest lodge, or lodges, to exercise jurisdiction over the territory of the dormant lodge and to receive and act upon petitions for the degrees from residents.

1. The Grand Master shall give at least thirty days' notice to the Master, Wardens, and Secretary of the dormant lodge of the proposed order.
2. The Grand Master shall issue the proposed order unless the Master, Wardens, and Secretary of the dormant lodge show cause deemed satisfactory by him for such dormancy. [41-1.4; 42-3; 49-2]
3. The Grand Master shall notify all interested lodges of his action on the application.

REG. 49-10 UNFINISHED WORK. When a lodge has taken action in any matter and has afterward ceased to exist, any further action required or authorized by law including the completion of unfinished material may be performed by the lodge acquiring jurisdiction over the subject matter.

1. An Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft whose lodge is defunct may petition the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides, either within or without

the state, for the remaining degree or degrees, stating in his petition the name, number, and location of the defunct lodge and attaching to his petition the certificate of the Grand Lodge provided for in Regulation 49-4.6.

2. Any such petition shall take the same course as that of a profane for the degrees and a favorable unanimous secret ballot shall entitle him to receive the remaining degree or degrees and to become a member of the lodge so electing him.
3. The status of the brother shall be the same as if he had received all of the degrees in such lodge.
4. If the brother received the first or second degree in a lodge in this state which is defunct, and petitions another lodge in this state for advancement and membership, the fees therefor shall not exceed the amount chargeable as fees in the by-laws of the lodge to which he makes petition, less the initiation fee.
5. If the brother received either the first or second degree in a lodge outside of this state, then he shall pay the entire fee stated in the by-laws of the lodge to which he makes petition, and the lodge shall remit to the Grand Secretary the initiation fee. [39-13; 20-1; 65-1; 73-7; 74-4; 75-18].

REG. 49-11 REJECTED PETITIONERS. A rejected petitioner of a lodge which has ceased to exist may petition any lodge having territorial jurisdiction. The personal jurisdiction which a lodge acquires by rejecting a candidate ceases when such lodge ceases to exist. [42-14].

REG. 49-12 ORGANIZATION OF A NEW LODGE. The organization of a new lodge at the place formerly occupied by a defunct lodge, though of the same name, does not restore the members of the old lodge to membership in the new lodge. They must procure proper demits and apply for membership the same as any other brother. Nothing in THE CODE shall be construed to prohibit the members of a defunct lodge with proper demits, or any of them, by themselves or with other demitted Masons, from organizing a new lodge.

CHAPTER 50

Visitation

REG. 50-1 RIGHT OF VISITATION. A Master Mason in good standing has the right to visit another lodge, and he should not be deprived of that right without very good cause. The right is subject to the provisions of Chapter 51 concerning avouchment, the authority of the Master, and the right of a member to object pursuant to Regulation 50-5. [74-5.2, 74-5.3; 87-5; 90-4].

REG. 50-2 APPRENTICES AND FELLOW CRAFT. An Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft in good standing and not in default may be admitted to visit any lodge other than his own when open on the degree he has attained only by courtesy of the presiding officer and provided no member objects. [71-10; 73-6; 74-2].

1. An Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft has no right to such visitation.
2. An Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft cannot be examined for avouchment, nor can he visit any lodge other than his own unless the presiding officer of such lodge shall have personal knowledge of his status or a known Master Mason in the presence of such presiding officer shall have knowledge of his status and saw the candidate advanced to the degree he claims to have received, or that he has lawful Masonic knowledge that he has advanced to that degree. [50-3; 71-10].

REG. 50-3 CLANDESTINE VISITORS PROHIBITED. A member of a lodge under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge not recognized by this Grand Lodge is not permitted to visit a lodge in this jurisdiction. No visitor shall be admitted to a lodge in this jurisdiction who is not a Master Mason and, at the time of visitation, a member in good standing in a regular lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge. A Mason who is not thus qualified cannot enjoy any of the rights and benefits of Masonry in this jurisdiction. [59-07; 50-2; 51-3; 77-12; 79-4].

REG. 50-4 VISITOR MUST BE AVOUCHED. No brother shall be admitted to any lodge or the Grand Lodge in this jurisdiction unless lawfully vouched for as a Master Mason in good standing. Taking up the Word in a subordinate lodge or the Grand Lodge does not dispense with the necessity for his being properly examined or vouched for. [17-4.1; 59-14.3].

REG. 50-5 PREROGATIVE OF THE MASTER. It is the prerogative of the Master to say who shall and who shall not be admitted as a visitor to his lodge, subject to the right of a member to object as provided in this Regulation, and for the abuse thereof the Master shall be accountable only to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge. [50-5.7; 50-5.9; 51-3; 51-3.2; 59-2.7].

1. Only a member of a lodge has the right to object to the presence or the admission of a visiting Mason.
2. It is a personal right and may be communicated privately to the Master.
3. It shall not be exercised by proxy.
4. Objection made to the Master by a member to a proposed visitor shall not be valid during the absence of the objector.
5. A member cannot object and the Master cannot exclude a Grand Lodge

Officer, the District Deputy Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Lecturer when making an official visitation.

6. A member cannot object to the visitation of a candidate on whom a degree is being conferred for another lodge after the degree has started. [42-10; 71-10; 71-10.3; 73-10; 74-2; 73].
7. If the question of admission arises between a visiting Mason and a member, the Master should regard the wishes of the member in preference to those of the visitor. [50-5.1; 59-2.7].
8. If a member of a lodge objects to sitting with a visiting Mason and the latter is asked to leave, the visitor cannot as a right demand the name of the objector or the grounds of his objection.
9. The Master cannot require a member to give his reasons for objecting to the presence of a visiting Mason, nor can the member be disciplined for objecting. [59-3.5].

CHAPTER 51

Avouchment

REG. 51-1 MODES OF AVOUCHMENT. No brother shall vouch for another unless, in addition to the knowledge that the visitor is a Mason, the brother is also satisfied that the visitor is at the time in good standing. [87-5].

1. There shall be three modes of avouchment of a brother as follows: [39-2.6.F.(3)].
   A. By sitting together in a regular lodge of Master Masons recognized by the Grand Lodge.
   B. By an examination authorized by the proper officer of a lodge.
   C. By one Mason definitely stating to another whom he knows to be a Master Mason that he vouches for a third brother then and there present with them as a Master Mason in good standing. The Mason who is vouching for the visitor shall state the *manner* in which he acquired the knowledge on which he makes the avouchment. [51-2].
2. This information may be passed along indefinitely as long as the conditions herein stated are fully met.
   A. Documentary or written evidence alone shall not be sufficient to justify avouchment.
   B. Avouchment cannot be made in any case by mail, facsimile, telephone or telegraph.

REG. 51-2 LAWFUL MASONIC INFORMATION. A brother can vouch for a visitor only when he knows that visitor to be a Mason, or on lawful Masonic information, or after strict examination by a committee that in the judgment of the Master is competent to make the examination. [51-1.1].

1. No brother can legally acquire the proper and necessary information to vouch for another brother by sitting with him in any other body than a regular lodge of Symbolic Masonry or unless the brother vouched for is actually present when vouched for.
2. A Mason cannot vouch for a brother who was present with him at a funeral service or ceremonial outside the lodge hall although all present were properly clothed unless they were both present at the opening or closing of the lodge, or he had otherwise obtained a proper knowledge for avouching.
3. *Lawful Masonic information* means information that can only be received from one known to be competent to impart it. It must be positive and beyond any question, and imparted for Masonic purposes not casually. Vouching is bearing witness, and in witness bearing one should tell that only which he personally knows to be true.

REG. 51-3 GOOD STANDING REQUIRED. In addition to strict trial and due examination as to his knowledge of Masonry the Tyler is expressly directed to require every visitor to produce a dues certificate or other documentary evidence that his dues are paid or remitted to within one year of the date of such visit.

1. No visitor shall be admitted whose dues are not paid or remitted to within one year of such date. [50-5; 50-3; 59-16.1; 77-7.2; 77-12; 79-4].
2. If a Master is fully satisfied by lawful information that the visitor is a Master Mason in good standing and qualified to visit, he may admit him

even though he does not have at the time the documentary evidence in his possession. [50-5; 79-4; 87-5].

3. The regularity of the lodge in which the visitor holds membership shall be established before he is examined or vouched for, and such regularity may be evidenced by a certificate under the seal or facsimile of the seal of a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge, or it may be determined by such other means as may be available to the lodge.
4. The Grand Lodge shall supply each lodge annually with a roster of recognized Grand Lodges and their respective subordinate or constituent lodges, which roster the lodge shall make available for use of its officers and members. The expense of such roster shall be borne by the Grand Lodge. [50-3].
5. No one shall be permitted to sit in a lodge, even though a member thereof, unless some Master Mason present can properly vouch for him or unless he passes an examination. [59-14.3].

REG. 51-4 PENALTY. Failure to observe rigidly the requirements of this Chapter shall be sufficient cause for the expulsion of an offending brother or the arrest and revocation of the charter of an offending lodge. [74-1.3; 91-13].

CHAPTER 52

Members of a Lodge

REG. 52-1 MEMBERS. The members of a subordinate lodge, so long as they retain their membership therein, are as follows:

1. Those who were members of the lodge at the time its dispensation warrant, or charter was issued,
2. Those later admitted by affiliation, [39-11]
3. Those duly elected in, and receiving the degrees in, that lodge or in some other lodge as a courtesy for the lodge electing them, and
4. Those who may acquire membership therein by a consolidation with another lodge. [Chapter 56].

REG. 52-2 CHARTER MEMBERS. The charter members of a lodge are those who were members on the date the charter was granted.

REG. 52-3 DUTIES OF A FREEMASON. The duties of a Freemason are as follows:

1. To obey the moral law,
2. To obey the laws and edicts of the Grand Lodge,
3. To be neither an atheist nor a skeptic,
4. To be a good man and true,
5. To live in peace and to practice charity,
6. To be a member of a regular lodge,
7. To perform faithfully the duties as such member, or as an officer,
8. To pay his dues thereto promptly,
9. To obey the civil law,
10. To notify the Secretary of his lodge immediately of any change in his mailing address,
11. To pay due respect and obedience to the various Grand Lodge officers and lodge officers according to their respective rank and station,
12. To obey the by-laws of his lodge, and to attend its communications,
13. To observe those lessons and duties inculcated in the several lectures and charges of the three Symbolic degrees of Freemasonry, and
14. To keep and perform the several obligations of those degrees. [77-16].

REG. 52-4 BELIEF IN GOD. Belief in the existence of God is a fundamental tenet in Freemasonry. If subsequent to initiation a member's mind, for any cause, has undergone a change of religious belief to the extent of repudiating or renouncing faith in God, he ought to be expelled. Denying the main essential to a genuine Masonic life, he should be denied Masonic privileges. [66-1.1; 67-8; 86-2.2; Preamble I].

REG. 52-5 DUAL MEMBERS. Except on the formation of a new lodge, no lodge shall admit to membership any brother who is a member of another lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, but may accept his application for affiliation pursuant to Chapter 75. A member of a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction which does not forbid dual membership may affiliate with a lodge in North Carolina without having to relinquish his membership in his mother lodge.

1. The membership of a dual member in a North Carolina lodge shall not be

affected by his demission from the other lodge, but if he is excluded, suspended, or expelled for cause by the other lodge or Grand Lodge, his membership in a lodge in North Carolina shall terminate immediately upon receipt of notice duly certified by the other lodge and submitted by the Grand Lodge.

2. A dual member shall not hold office in more than one lodge at the same time, except the office of Tyler.
3. In the event a brother who holds dual membership in a North Carolina Lodge desires to demit from either of the lodges in which he holds such dual membership, he may apply for an absolute demit and it may be granted. The absolute demit shall be held by the office of the Grand Secretary. [Chapter 76].

REG. 52-6 MODE OF MAKING MASONS. The Grand Lodge does not recognize any other mode of making Masons than the one sanctioned by the immemorial usages of the Craft, namely, *in a regular lodge* and after *previous notice and due inquiry into character.* [13-4.3].

REG. 52-7 MEMBERS NO PROPERTY INTEREST. No member of a lodge shall have any individual right, title, interest, or claim in or to any part of the assets, funds, or property of any kind belonging to his lodge. Assets and property are for the sole purpose of promoting the objects of Masonry and therefore they are to be used for Masonic purposes only. The lodge may vote its funds to relieve the distress of a member as Masonic charity dictates and it should promptly do so, or to pay for services rendered or for value received by the lodge from a member, but there is no vested interest, or any claim, demand, or right that any member can make upon the assets and property of his lodge solely by virtue of his membership therein. [4-7; 43-2.15; Preamble III (2)].

REG. 52-8 BROTHER WHO CHANGED HIS NAME. A brother who has changed his name by civil law shall promptly file with the Secretary of his lodge documentary evidence showing that his name has been changed. Such documentary evidence shall be a certified copy of the order or judgment changing his name, under the seal of the court, or civil agency, that issued the same. The Secretary shall record on the minutes of the first stated communication after its receipt and revise the lodge record. The Secretary shall immediately forward such document to the Grand Secretary for the record in his office.

CHAPTER 53

Officers of a Lodge, Roster, and Qualifications

REG. 53-1 OFFICERS. The officers of a lodge shall be as follows: Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Two Stewards, and Tyler. [54-1].

1. The Master in his discretion may appoint a Chaplain for the communication whose duties shall correspond to his title, and he shall not be installed. A lodge may provide in its by-laws that the Master, *in his discretion*, at the time he appoints other officers of the lodge, may appoint a Chaplain for *the full Masonic Term*, and if so appointed, he shall be installed. [55-1; 56-1.1].
2. With the approval of the Master duly recorded in the minutes of a stated communication of the lodge, the Treasurer or the Secretary of a lodge may appoint an Assistant, who shall have the qualifications required for his respective principal and who shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by his respective principal.
   A. When the Treasurer or the Secretary is disabled or is unable to perform the duties of his office for any reason, or if such office shall become vacant, his Assistant may perform them as Acting Treasurer or Acting Secretary, as the case may be, during the period of such disability, but within the term of his appointment. The lodge shall determine by resolution if and when a Treasurer or a Secretary is *disabled* under this subdivision. The lodge may by election fill any vacancy in the office of Treasurer or Secretary for the unexpired term or the Master may name a qualified brother to serve as Treasurer or Secretary for either the unexpired term or *pro tempore*. [57-2].
   B. An Assistant shall not be installed, his appointment shall expire at the next annual election of officers of the lodge but he may be reappointed as herein provided or he may be removed by the officers making the appointment in the same manner in which the appointment was first made.
   C. For the official acts and for the proper performance of the duties of such Assistant, his principal shall be responsible.

REG. 53-2 QUALIFICATIONS. The qualifications of the officers of a lodge shall be as follows: [11-6].

1. All lodge officers shall be Master Masons and, except the Tyler, shall be and remain members of the lodge of which they are officers.
2. No brother shall be elected Master of a lodge unless he shall have previously been elected and installed as Master or Warden of a regularly constituted chartered lodge and shall have served a full term as such. When no such brother who is thus qualified and who consents to serve as Master can be found among the members, and also except at the formation of a new lodge, the Grand Master after such investigation as he may deem necessary may issue his dispensation for the election and installation as Master of a member not thus qualified. The election shall be held at a stated communication to be designated in the dispensation. [13-3.8.B; 39-2.3; 39-7.3; 55-2].
3. Acting as Warden of a lodge under dispensation does not make a brother eligible to the office of Master in a chartered lodge, but a brother nomi-

nated in the charter of a lodge and regularly installed, who serves from the date of the charter to the annual communication of the lodge in December, and who has also served as Warden while the lodge was under dispensation, thereby becomes eligible to the office of Master.

4. Any member of a lodge is qualified to vote in the election of officers and if qualified as required by law, shall be eligible to any office in the lodge. No member shall hold more than one office in the lodge at the same time. [53-2.2; 55-5; 57-1.3; 57-6; 60-8; 55-2; 74-5.2, 74-5.3]
5. A member of a lodge in this State who is a Past Master of a lodge in another recognized grand jurisdiction, who has not served as a Master or a Warden in a lodge in this State, is eligible to be elected Master, he has the same status in all respects in his lodge as any Past Master thereof.
6. Each lodge is the judge of the qualifications of the members it elects for its officers subject to the law of the Grand Lodge.
7. No lodge shall elect any brother, either as Master or as Warden, unless he manifests such care and zeal for Masonry as to induce the belief that he can and will qualify himself to preside and discharge the duties of his office according to the laws and usages of the Craft and with credit to the lodge and to Masonry.
8. Each officer of a lodge shall wear the jewel and apron of his respective office to be properly clothed. [89-4; 89-10; 89-10.2].
9. The fact that a Brother lives outside the Jurisdiction or territorial boundaries of a lodge shall not prevent him from serving his lodge as either an appointive or elective officer, provided that the appointment or election of a member who lives outside the state shall be subject to the power of the Grand Master to remove the officer under Regulation 57-1.7, 57-5, or 57-5.2.

CHAPTER 54

Election of Officers of a Lodge

REG. 54-1 ANNUAL ELECTION. Each chartered lodge, annually at the first stated communication in December, shall elect without nomination by written ballot from its members the elective officers. The lodge shall not elect officers by acclamation. [44-2.1; 44-7(Art.8); 45-2; 45-6; 45-3.4.A; 53-1; 53-1.1; 53-2; 54-3.1].

1. In the event the stated communication, as named in the by-laws of a lodge at which the officers should be elected as required by Regulation 54-1, shall fall on a legal holiday, then the lodge shall hold that stated communication on the day following such legal holiday, excepting Sunday. [44-7(Art.8); 45-1.1; 45-2; 45-6; 45-3.4.A].
2. If a lodge fails to elect its officers at the time required, the Grand Master shall, upon application grant a dispensation to the lodge to hold an election at a designated stated communication. [13-3.8.A.(4); 13-3.8.A.(5); 45-3.4.A; 57-3.1; Official Form 41].
3. An election of lodge officers held on any other day or in any other manner than that authorized by law shall be of no effect. [45-3.4.A].

REG. 54-2 OFFICERS. The elective officers are the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary. The remaining officers of the lodge shall be appointed by the Master-elect and announced before his installation. [53-1.1; 59-2.19].

1. A lodge in its by-laws may provide for the election of both Deacons and both Stewards, or both Deacons only, but not one only of each group. [54-3.3.B; Chapter 57].
2. In the event a lodge provides in its by-laws for the election of both Deacons and both Stewards, or both Deacons only, they shall be elected by written ballot upon nomination as follows.
   A. There shall be not less than two nominees for each of these offices and there shall not be an election by acclamation.
   B. If no one is elected on the first ballot, all nominees except the two receiving the greatest number of votes shall be dropped and the balloting shall continue on those two until one of them receives a majority of the votes cast for the office.
   C. A separate ballot shall be had for the office of each Deacon and each Steward.
   D. A very *limited* statement, only to *identify* the nominee may be allowed, but nominating *speeches* for any of these offices are forbidden. There shall be no seconds to nominations. [54-3.2; 54-3.3.B; 86-2.14].

REG. 54-3 VOTING. At communications designated for the election and after the regular business of the lodge is transacted, the Master shall order the lodge to prepare for the election of officers, and he shall appoint two or more competent members to act as tellers. [63-2].

1. The election shall be by written ballot. When the votes are collected, they shall be called by the tellers and tallied and counted by the Secretary. Two-thirds of all votes cast, excluding blanks, shall be necessary for a choice for Master, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice

for each of the remaining elective officers. [63-2; Chapter 63].

2. The vote shall first be taken for Master, and when that office is filled, and not until then, the vote shall be taken for the remaining officers in the order named in Regulation 54-1. In the event the by-laws of the lodge require the election of both the Senior and the Junior Deacons or both Deacons and both Stewards the vote shall be taken for the remaining officers in the order named. [57-3.2; 63-6].
3. If a member is elected to an office and is present at the time and declines, the balloting must continue until a qualified member has been elected who will accept that office, even if the balloting continues after low twelve. [54-1.2; 59-2.6].
   A. When the result is ascertained, it shall be declared by the Master or by his order.
   B. Nominations for office in subordinate lodges shall not be permitted, except as required when the Deacons or Stewards are elected.

CHAPTER 55

Installation of Officers of a Lodge

REG. 55-1 INSTALLATION NECESSARY. No brother shall be entitled to exercise any of the rights, privileges, or powers, or to enjoy any prerogative of any office in a subordinate lodge until he shall have been duly elected, or appointed, and installed. This regulation shall not apply to acting officers, a Chaplain, or a Marshal. Officers of a subordinate lodge must be installed as often as reelected or re-appointed. [4-1; 59-6; 56-1; 53-1.1; 57-4; 55-2; 34-19.2].

REG. 55-2 OFFICER MUST PASS PROFICIENCY. No member of a lodge shall be installed as a officer except the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Tyler who has not made suitable proficiency in the catechism of the Third Degree and passed a satisfactory examination thereon in open lodge, and such fact entered upon the minutes of the lodge. [53-2.2; 53-2.4; 55-3; 55-4; 59-12.31].

REG. 55-3 DATE AND PLACE OF INSTALLATION. The officers may be installed at the same communication at which they are elected or appointed or as soon thereafter as practicable.

1. No dispensation is required for installation. [56-1.1; 55-2].
2. Installation may be made at any stated or emergent communication of any regular chartered and constituted lodge within the state, but not outside of the state. [57-1.7].

REG. 55-4 PROXY. No elective officer shall be installed by proxy, but any appointive officer may be. [55-2].

REG. 55-5 PENDING ACCUSATIONS. An officer, elected or appointed, against whom an accusation is made or charges are pending, shall not be installed until these are disposed of, but he is entitled to a speedy trial. If an accusation be made or charges are about to be preferred, notice should be given at once, and charges shall be preferred within fifteen days. [74-5.2, 74-5.3].

REG. 55-6 BOND NECESSARY. The failure or refusal of an officer-elect to give bond as required by his lodge is a refusal to qualify for installation and should be so treated. [59-11.7; 59-12.22].

REG. 55-7 RIGHT TO INSTALL. It becomes the right of a Master of a lodge after he has been legally installed to install the other officers elected and appointed, at the same communication or as soon thereafter as practicable and to install his successor in office. [59-2.46].

REG. 55-8 QUALIFICATIONS TO INSTALL. Only a Master or a Past Master in good standing of a legally constituted lodge, either of this State or under the jurisdiction of a grand lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge is qualified to install the officers of a Lodge.

REG. 55-9 OFFICIAL DECLARATION. Each officer of a subordinate lodge, elective and appointive, required to be installed, shall make the following declaration at the time he is installed: [59-6; 59-2.22].

I promise upon the honor of a Master Mason that I will, to the best of my ability, conform to and abide by the Ancient Landmarks, Regulations, and usages of Masonry, the Constitution and laws of The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and the laws of this lodge, and that I will faithfully perform the duties of the office to which I have been selected.

REG. 55-10 OPEN INSTALLATION. In the event a lodge desires to have open Installation of Officers the lodge shall be opened on the Degree of Master Mason, the minutes shall be read and approved and the lodge closed, after which the profane may be admitted and the ceremony of installation completed. The Secretary shall add at the end of the minutes a certificate to the effect that the officers of the lodge were duly installed, unless otherwise noted, including the names of the installing officers, and that the charter, constitution and by-laws were delivered to the master during the installation.

CHAPTER 56

Officers of a Lodge, Term, Resignation, and Title

REG. 56-1 TERMS OF OFFICE. Each officer of a subordinate lodge duly elected or appointed and installed, shall hold office until the next annual communication and until his successor is duly chosen and installed or until he is removed or his office shall have become vacant under the provisions of THE CODE. [55-1].

1. The term of office for the officers of a lodge is defined to be from the annual stated communication to the next annual stated communication. An officer who is elected and installed within sixty days after the date of the *annual stated communication*, and who serves to the next annual stated communication, shall be considered as having served a full term. [47-7.1; 48-1.11; 53-2.3; 54-1.2; 56-2; 56-3; 57-4].
2. A brother who has served as Master of a lodge from the date of the charter to the annual communication of said lodge in December, and who also served in that office while the lodge was under dispensation, is entitled to the rank of Past Master of the said lodge.

REG. 56-2 RESIGNATION. An installed officer, elective or appointive, may with the consent of his lodge and with the approval of the Grand Master resign his office in the lodge, but a Master who resigns before the close of his term shall not become a Past Master. [57-1.3; 57-2; 57-5.2; 57-5.3; 57-6].

REG. 56-3 TITLES. The title of the Master is *Worshipful*. The title of the other officers and members is Brother. A Past Master is one who has been regularly elected and installed as Master of a chartered and constituted symbolic lodge and has served to the close of his term or who dies during of his term of office. If the lodge becomes defunct before that time, the *close of his term* occurs when his lodge became defunct. If a Master is responsible for the failure of his lodge, resigns, or is removed from office and not restored thereto within his term, he is not a Past Master. The principal officer of a lodge is Master, not Worshipful Master. The prefix *Worshipful* is a title of respect given him by others, and not the name of his office. It is improper for the Master to sign his name *Worshipful Master*. It should be *Master*. [47-7.1; 48-1.11; 49-7; 56-1.1; 57-4; 87-15; Official Form 44].

REG. 56-4 PAST SECRETARY. Any lodge at a stated communication and by unanimous secret ballot, upon a written proposal signed by at least three members of the lodge and received at a previous stated communication not less than twenty-eight days before such ballot, may confer the honorary title of Past Secretary on a member of such lodge in good standing, who, at the time of such proposal shall have completed five consecutive full years as Secretary of such lodge, and who at that time, shall be a member of his lodge in good standing, and shall have rendered outstanding and meritorious service as Secretary. The proposal shall not be sent to the Grand Secretary nor referred to a committee. On election, report thereof shall be made to the Grand Secretary within ten days.

CHAPTER 57

Vacancies in Office of a Lodge

REG. 57-1 VACANCY. A vacancy in office in a lodge occurs only as follows, [57-6].

1. By death, [59-2.19]
2. By resignation, [11-10.4.A]
3. By election and installation of the holder of such office to fill another office in the lodge unless the newly elected officer declines to serve, [53-2.4; 56-1.1; 56-2; 57-6]
4. By expulsion, by suspension, or by removal from office, [13-3.5; 58-1; 59-11.7; 59-12.22]
5. By ceasing to be a member of the lodge,
6. By mental or physical disability which disqualifies the officer from performing the duties of his office, and [57-5; 57-5.2]
7. By the permanent removal of any installed officer of the lodge from the state *except* one who is in the armed forces of his country; *provided*, the Grand Master declares a vacancy under Regulation 57-5 or 53-2.9. [57-6].

REG. 57-2 TREASURER OR SECRETARY. A vacancy in the office of Treasurer or Secretary may be filled by ballot at a stated communication for the unexpired term without dispensation; or the vacancy may be filled by appointment *pro tempore*, or for the unexpired term in which event the officers shall be known as, and shall sign all documents as, *Acting Treasurer* or *Acting Secretary* as the case may be. [45-12; 53-1.2.A; 56-2;].

REG. 57-3 OTHER VACANCIES. In case the offices of Master and Wardens become vacant, the Secretary shall immediately notify the Grand Master.

1. If there are exceptional reasons for an election the Grand Master shall issue a dispensation to hold an election to fill the vacancies at a stated communication designated by him. If there are none, he should order the lodge to proceed under Regulations 57-8 or 57-8.2 as the case may be. [13-3.8; 45-3.4; 45-12; 45-12.3; 53-2.4; 54-1.2; 57-1.3; 57-3; 57-6; Official Form 41].
2. If a Master elect declines to be installed, or dies, or becomes disqualified before the date for installation, the Wardens should be installed and then apply to the Grand Master for a dispensation to hold an election for Master. [54-3.2; 57-6].
3. A vacancy in an appointive office may be filled at any time by the officer authorized by law to make appointment to such office, either *pro tempore* or for the unexpired term.

REG. 57-4 INSTALLATION. Officers elected or appointed to fill vacancies must be installed as soon as practicable thereafter. A brother elected Master at a special election and duly installed to fill the vacancy shall not thereby become a Past Master at the end of the term for which he was elected unless he has served a full legal term. The Master of each lodge shall have full authority to install such officers of his lodge without a special dispensation. Installation of *pro tempore* or *acting* officers is not required. [55-1; 59-2.19; 56-1.1; 56-3].

REG. 57-5 VACANCY DECLARED. In case any installed officer becomes physically or mentally disqualified to perform the duties of his office or has permanently removed form the state, the Grand Master in his discretion may declare a vacancy. [53-2.9].

1. If it is an elective office he may order an election to fill the same or he may order the lodge to proceed by *pro tempore* appointment until its next annual communication. [45-3.4; 57-1.7].
2. In case any appointive officer becomes physically or mentally disqualified to perform the duties of his office or has permanently removed from the jurisdiction of the lodge, the Master of the lodge with the approval of the Grand Master may declare a vacancy and appoint a successor. [53-2.9; 56-2].
3. Resignation of an installed appointive officer of a lodge may for good reason be required, but not without the consent of the Grand Master and if the vacancy is filled for the unexpired term, the new officer shall be installed. [56-2; 57-2].

REG. 57-6 SPECIAL ELECTION FOR MASTER. At a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of Master, a presently installed Warden shall not be eligible to be elected to such office unless he shall have served as Warden at least one full term. An installed officer shall not be eligible during his term for any other office in the lodge unless after being elected he resigns. [53-2.2; 53-2.3; 53-2.4; 56-1; 56-1.1; 56-2; 57-1.3].

REG. 57-7 MASTER PENDING INSTALLATION. A newly installed Senior Warden shall not be entitled to preside as Master pending the installation of a Master-elect who was not installed with the other officers. The retiring Master, if present, shall preside and continue in office until his successor is installed.

REG. 57-8 ACTING MASTER. In case of a vacancy in the office of Master, the Senior Warden succeeds to the East in the sense that he succeeds to the powers, privileges, prerogatives, and responsibilities of the Master as Acting Master; but he is still Senior Warden. While he presides in the East, he fills the West by *pro tempore* appointment and may properly be addressed as Worshipful Master. At the expiration of his term he shall not be a Past Master. [11-10.4.A; 45-12; 53-2.4; 59-9.7].

1. The authority of an Acting Master ceases when the lodge is closed, the Master being within its jurisdiction. [45-12].
2. If the offices of both Master and Senior Warden become vacant, the Junior Warden succeeds to the East as Acting Master, but he is still Junior Warden, and he fills the West and South by *pro tempore* appointments.
   A. At the expiration of his term he shall not be a Past Master.
   B. Subordinate officers retain their respective stations and places and do not automatically move up. [45-12.3; 53-2.4; 56-1].

REG. 57-9 OFFICER PRESENT. If an elective or appointive officer of a lodge having been duly installed is present and willing to perform the duties of his office, the Master should not make a *pro tempore* appointment to his office. If at the opening of a lodge the Master appoints a brother *pro tempore* to fill the chair of an officer who is absent but who subsequently enters the lodge, the regular officer shall take his proper station or place and be so recorded.

CHAPTER 58

Suspension from Office

REG. 58-1 SUSPENSION BY GRAND MASTER. If in the judgment of the Grand Master,

any officer of the Grand Lodge,
any officer of a subordinate lodge,
any District Deputy Grand Master,
any District Deputy Grand Lecturer, or
a member of any board, committee, or commission of the Grand Lodge

is guilty of

unmasonic conduct,
misconduct,
neglect,
unlawful acts of commission,
serious or flagrant omission in the performance of his official duties,
or of conduct which could bring reproach upon the brother or upon the Craft,

the Grand Master, should he deem it to be for the good of Masonry, may suspend the offending brother from his

office,
board,
commission, or
committee.

The Grand Master, in his discretion, may proceed summarily under Regulation 91-13, or he may refer the case to the Judge Advocate under Regulation 91-3. [13-2.10; 13-3.5; 27-4; 57-1.4; 59-4.1; 59-5.4; 59-8; 66-7; 90-7; 90-7.2].

REG. 58-2 SUSPENSION BY MASTER. The Master of a lodge may suspend an officer of his lodge for the reason set forth in Regulation 58-1, and he shall suspend an officer of his lodge immediately after he is ordered to do so by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, reporting his action forthwith to the Grand Master in either case. [59-1].

REG. 58-3 APPEAL. A suspended officer shall have the right to appeal by petition to the Grand Lodge setting forth in his petition the particulars of his complaint. The Grand Lodge shall assume jurisdiction and may summarily make its investigation through the Committee on Appeals before action is taken, keeping in view the attainment of Masonic justice. [34-7].

REG. 58-4 SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE. The suspension of an officer hereinbefore provided for shall suspend him only from the functions of his office but shall not affect his standing as a Mason. A restoration shall fully restore him to the functions of his office if his term has not expired.

REG. 58-5 RESTORATION. The officer who suspends an officer under this chapter may, during his term, restore the suspended officer when in his judgment, justice and the good of the Craft will be promoted thereby, *provided*, no appeal has been taken from the suspension.

CHAPTER 59

Duties of Officers of a Lodge

REG. 59-1 OFFICERS DUTIES. Each officer of a lodge shall be held personally responsible to the Master and through him, to the lodge and the Grand Master that his office be filled with dignity, honor, and correctness, and that its various duties be performed fully, without haughtiness or tyranny, but according to the diligent desire to exemplify before the world the virtues and sublime morality of Freemasonry. In addition to those powers and duties which appertain to every individual Mason, those which are purely traditional and therefore unwritten, and those which appropriately pertain to his office, the powers and duties of each officer of a lodge are set out in THE CODE. [58-2; 59-4.1].

REG. 59-2 MASTER. Some, but not all, of the *powers* of the Master of a lodge which are also duties to be performed by him, or at his direction and under his supervision, are as follows.

1. He may discharge all of the executive functions of his lodge, always subject to the law of the Grand Lodge.
2. He may expound the law and decide all questions of Masonic law and order, subject to review by the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge. [8-1, 8-2].
3. He may issue or cause to be issued all summonses or notices which may be required when the welfare of Masonry, the interest of the lodge, or the rights of a brother demand.
4. He shall take special care that disobedience of a duly served summons be promptly followed by discipline unless the offender renders excuse for the offense satisfactory to the lodge. [45-5; 83-2].
5. He may convene his lodge in emergent communication whenever he deems it necessary. [45-3; 45-5].
6. He may close his lodge at his pleasure, but it shall be closed as provided in Regulation 45-17.
7. He may decide who shall be admitted to the lodge and he may deny admission to a visitor. [50-5; 50-5.7].
8. He shall see that worthy brethren visiting from other lodges have courteous attention and a welcome to his lodge.
9. He may deny admission to a brother who is disqualified by law to sit in a lodge or who is under the influence of intoxicants. [74-5; 90-4].
10. He may refuse to entertain a motion. [45-23.20].
11. He may declare the business of a lodge and may prohibit or allow debate. [45-23.20].
12. Except as otherwise provided in Regulation 73-3, he may delay until the next stated communication only, a ballot on a petition for the degrees or an application for affiliation, advancement, or restoration.
13. He may order a ballot spread outside the regular order of business at a stated communication. [68-2; 68-14; 73-3; 73-6; 75-8].
14. He may order a vote taken by the customary method, if a ballot is not required by law, unless two members concur in a demand that it be taken by ballot. [63-3].
15. He may confer a degree or postpone conferring a degree against the wishes of a majority of the members except upon objection to initiation or advancement as provided by law. [73-3].

16. After having opened his lodge, he may place any capable Master Mason in the East and permit him to confer any of the degrees, the Master being present. If any regular officer is absent, his office should be filled *pro tempore*. [24-1.1; 45-12.2; 71-15].
17. He may complete unfinished material or business, except as may be otherwise provided by law. [73-3; 73-4].
18. He may set aside an election of officers for a violation of the law against electioneering for office. [86-2.14; 86-2.15].
19. He may appoint all appointive officers not otherwise provided for and fill vacancies in such offices. [54-2]
20. He may discharge any or all members of a committee appointed who fail to, or refuse to, act and fill any vacancy thus created. [67-9].
21. He may perform such other acts, by ancient usage proper to his office, as shall not be in contravention of any provision of THE CODE or any law of the Grand Lodge.
22. He shall preserve the charter of the lodge with unfailing care and to deliver it to his successor in office. [38-3.1; 40-6; 59-6; 41-8; 38-3.4].
23. He may appoint all committees except as otherwise provided. [Chapter 61].
24. He shall open and preside over the lodge when present, and to make all necessary provisions for the faithful performance of the duty when absent, except that he shall surrender the chair to the Grand Master or his representative or the District Deputy Grand Master, on their official visitations. [45-12; 45-12.1].
25. He may cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie if he has not already voted. [44-7 (Art.22B); 63-16].
26. He shall give Masonic instruction at every communication of his lodge.
27. He shall guard carefully against any infraction of the by-laws of his lodge, the laws of the Grand Lodge, or the general regulations, usages, and customs of Masonry, and suffer no departure therefrom upon the plea of convenience or expediency except in cases of emergency, and then only when authorized by a dispensation of the Grand Master. [76-3.4.A].
28. He shall require every member of the lodge present except the Tyler, to vote upon all questions of a business nature coming before the lodge unless excused at his own request by the Master. The Tyler, if a member of the lodge, shall vote in all secret ballots by balls and cubes, and he shall not be excused therefrom. [63-4; 63-11; Chapter 63].
29. He shall permit no appeal from his decision to be made to the lodge. [59-4; 59-5; 59-5.4; 45-23.20; 8-3; 8-3.4].
30. He shall make the work and ritual practiced in his lodge conform to the authorized work adopted by the Grand Lodge and to no other system, and to preserve carefully the Official Standard of the Work receipted for by him. [24-5; 24-5.3; Chapter 24].
31. He shall have a copy of THE CODE always available in the lodge room when the lodge is open.
32. He shall require the members of his lodge to obey a mandate of the Grand Master. Refusal of its members to submit to such decisions, until reversed by the Grand Lodge, is revolutionary and shall subject the offenders to discipline for unmasonic conduct.
33. He shall read and expound to the lodge the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.
34. He shall sign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer after approval by the lodge. [59-11.3].

35. He shall take command of the other officers and to claim of them at any time advice and assistance on any business relative to the Craft.
36. He shall see that the proper officers collect and truly keep the moneys of the lodge, see that the furniture and other valuables are properly cared for, and should the charter be forfeited or surrendered, to preserve these things subject to the order of the Grand Lodge. [41-9; 41-1.2].
37. He shall see that the law for collection of dues is fully observed. [77-24].
38. He shall see that the Secretary promptly pays the lodge funds to the Treasurer. The Master is justified in removing a Secretary who fails or refuses to do so. [59-12.4].
39. He shall see that the annual returns to the Grand Lodge are made out properly and forwarded by the Secretary by the time required by the Grand Lodge, and that the amount due to the Grand Lodge is paid promptly. [Chapter 47].
40. He shall convene his lodge in stated communication at the time prescribed in its by-laws. [44-7 (Art.8)].
41. He shall convene his lodge upon the official visitation of the Grand Master or his representative, extend to him the appropriate courtesies and, when called upon, submit for his inspection the by-laws and records of the lodge. [13-3.3].
42. He shall see that all unmasonic conduct that comes to his knowledge is dealt with according to the laws of the Grand Lodge. [41-10.4].
43. He shall preside at the Masonic burial services of deceased Master Masons. [82-1; 82-2].
44. He shall represent his lodge in conjunction with the Wardens at all communications of the Grand Lodge, or appoint his proxy therefor. [3-1.3; 3-3; 3-4; Official Form 43].
45. He shall inspect the ballot box, after requiring it to be inspected by the Wardens, declare the result, and immediately thereafter to destroy the ballot.
46. He shall install his successor in office or cause it to be done. [55-7].
47. He shall declare a petition for the degrees received by the lodge after it has been read in open lodge, provided, the lodge has jurisdiction over it, and he, or the lodge, has not refused to entertain it. [65-6].
48. He shall order a petition or application withdrawn and returned if he discovers after it has been received that the lodge does not have jurisdiction or that the petitioner or applicant is not mentally or physically qualified. If he is morally disqualified, the petition or application shall not be withdrawn but shall go to the ballot. [65-6; 65-7; 66-2; 67-4; 67-6; 75-8; 78-2].
49. He shall see that the place of the Junior Deacon is always filled although this officer himself may be in the lodge hall but elsewhere temporarily performing his duties. [59-14.2].
50. He shall see that the East is always filled when the lodge is open. [45-12; 57-8].

REG. 59-3 RESTRICTIONS - MASTER'S POWERS. The following are some, but not all, of the *restrictions on the powers* of the Master of a lodge are as follows.

1. A Master shall have no authority to waive examination of a candidate before advancement. [72-2].

2. A Master shall have no authority to levy an assessment against the members of his lodge.
3. A Master shall not ignore or refuse to accept an objection to initiation or advancement as provided by law. [59-2.17; 73-3].
4. A Master shall not have the right to demand of a member of a Committee of Investigation, on a petition for degrees or an application for membership, his reasons for his report. [67-11].
5. A Master shall not have the right to demand of a member his reasons for making an objection to the initiation of a candidate, or for objecting to the presence of a visiting Mason. [50-5.9; 73-3.5].
6. A Master shall have no authority to order another secret ballot on a petition for degrees, an application for affiliation, advancement, or restoration, or any subject matter that may be submitted to the secret ballot after the ballot has been closed and declared, *except* as provided in Regulation 68-8, even if he believes a mistake has been made in the original ballot. He shall report the matter fully to the Grand Master and be governed by his orders. [68-3.18].

REG. 59-4 MASTER ACCOUNTABLE. In the exercise of his powers and prerogatives a Master is at all times accountable to the Grand Master and to the Grand Lodge for any abuse thereof. [59-5.4; 8-3; 8-3.4].

1. For the neglect or violation of any duty imposed by law upon the Master of the lodge he shall be subject to reprimand, removal from office suspension, or expulsion. [59-1; 66-7; 75-11.1; 90-7; 90-7.2; Chapter 58].
2. So long as he is within the jurisdiction of the lodge, whether it is in session or not, the Master may issue an order and perform such official acts as are permitted by law.

REG. 59-5 APPEAL FROM THE MASTER. An appeal cannot be taken to the lodge from a Master's decision.

1. An appeal may be taken to the Grand Master or to the Grand Lodge from a Master's decision. [59-5.4; 59-2.29; 45-23.20; 8-3.4].
2. When the Master has announced a ruling of the Grand Master to his lodge, there shall be no appeal from the ruling on the ground that it is the Master's decision.
3. An appeal may be taken to the Grand Lodge from the Grand Master's decision.
4. An appeal cannot be made to the Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge, from a ruling of a Master prohibiting debate on a question before the lodge since he has power to allow, prohibit, or limit debate.
5. The Master is accountable to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge for his abuse of this power, therefore, a member feeling that the Master of his lodge has abused such power may prefer charges against him to the Grand Master. [59-4; 59-5; 59-2.29;8-3].

REG. 59-6 CHARTER OF THE LODGE. The Master of the lodge is especially charged with the safe keeping of the charter of his lodge, and he must actually and physically deliver the same to his successor at the time of his successor's installation, and a record must be made thereof in the minutes of the communication of the lodge. This regulation applies also to the legal substitute for said charter. [38-3.4; 59-2.22].

REG. 59-7 MASTER NOT EXCLUDED. The Master shall not be excluded for nonpayment of dues or for other offenses during his term of office except as provided in THE CODE. [77-15].

REG. 59-8 ABSENT OFFICER. An officer of a Masonic lodge who habitually absents himself from the meetings of his lodge lays himself open to censure and shall be liable to suspension from his office. [58-1].

REG. 59-9 SENIOR WARDEN. The duties of the Senior Warden shall be as follows.

1. He shall take charge of the Craft during the hours of labor in the absence of the Master.
2. He shall represent the lodge in conjunction with the Master and Junior Warden at all communications of the Grand Lodge or to appoint his proxy therefor. [3-1.3; 3-3; 3-4].
3. He shall succeed to and exercise all the powers of the Master in the event of his absence. [45-5].
4. The Master shall be considered absent, so as to justify a Warden or a Past Master in acting as Master, when he is not present at a communication of the lodge, either stated or emergent, or when he is absent from the jurisdiction, or is mentally or physically unable to do official acts when necessity therefor arises. [59-10.4].
5. The member qualified and acting as Master shall have the same powers and he is held to the same accountability as the lawful Master of the lodge during the time he shall be lawfully acting as such, and no longer.
6. A Warden shall not call an emergent communication of his lodge while his superior officer is within the territorial jurisdiction thereof and is able to authorize the call, but a Warden acting in the absence of the Master has the same power and authority as the Master. [45-3; 45-5].
7. When acting as Master, he shall sign official documents *Senior Warden*, but adding thereto *Acting Master*. [45-12; 57-8].

REG. 59-10 JUNIOR WARDEN. The duties of the Junior Warden shall be as follows.

1. Hé shall superintend the Craft during the hours of refreshment.
2. He shall take cognizance of all complaints of any unmasonic conduct and bring the same before the lodge, or to prefer charges therefor, *provided* that his failure to act shall not bar any brother from bringing a complaint directly before the lodge or preferring charges as provided by law.
3. He shall represent the lodge personally or by regularly appointed proxy in conjunction with the Master and Senior Warden at all communications of the Grand Lodge. [3-1.3; 3-3; 3-4].
4. He shall succeed to and exercise all the powers of the Master in the absence of the two officers above him. So far as practicable the provisions of Regulation 59-9 shall apply when the Junior Warden acts as Master.

REG. 59-11 TREASURER. The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows.

1. He shall receive and safely keep all moneys and property of every kind of his lodge which shall be placed in his hands by the Secretary, or by order of the lodge, and to give proper receipt therefor.
2. He shall keep all moneys received by him on behalf of the lodge as a fund entirely separate and distinct from all other funds under his control. If

such moneys are deposited in a bank, the account shall be in the name of the lodge. He shall not use or lend lodge funds nor mingle them with his own or with any other money, but shall hold them separately so that they shall be subject to the order of the lodge at all times. Failure or refusal to comply with this subdivision shall be a Masonic offense.

3. He shall disburse or transfer the funds of the lodge or any part thereof only with the consent of the lodge upon the order of the Master duly attested by the Secretary. [59-2.34].
4. He shall keep a book, or books, which shall contain a correct statement of receipts and disbursements on account of the lodge. He shall make a complete statement of his account with the lodge annually or as often as he may be directed by the lodge or ordered by the Master and deliver it to the Master. [44-7 (Art.5)].
5. He shall make reports to the lodge of its receipts, disbursements, and financial condition, as the law and as the lodge or the Master may require. [44-7 (Art.5)].
6. He shall demand that the Secretary promptly pay over to him the lodge money and on failure of the Secretary to do so, to report the matter to the lodge at once. [59-12.4].
7. He shall give surety bond in such sum and upon such conditions as the lodge may require. On his failure to execute and deliver a proper bond when required, the Master shall declare the office of Treasurer vacant and by dispensation of the Grand Master, proceed to hold another election to select another brother as Treasurer. [55-6].
8. He shall deliver promptly to his successor in office all the funds of the lodge together with all the books, vouchers, records, and other property having any reference to the financial business of the lodge, or to deliver to an appointed committee, or to a designated representative of the lodge, the temporary custody of the books and property of the lodge, when the lodge, for ample cause and by two-thirds majority vote at a stated communication, directs him to do so.
9. He shall perform such other duties pertaining to his office as the law requires or the lodge at any time may direct.

REG. 59-12 SECRETARY. The duties of the Secretary shall be as follows. [44-7 (Art.6)].

1. He shall record all the proceedings of the lodge and all reports proper to be written. [62-1; 62-2].
2. He shall read the minutes of each communication to the lodge and see that they are approved before the lodge is closed. [44-7 (Art. 21; 1A-M); 45-21; 62-1.1.A; 62-2; 45-23.1].
3. He shall prepare and transmit to the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master a copy of such portions of his record as he may be directed.
4. He shall collect and receive all moneys due the lodge giving receipt therefor. The receipt for dues shall be on the form prescribed by the Grand Secretary.
5. He shall pay to the Treasurer, within fifteen days after receipt thereof, all such moneys and take his receipt for the same. [59-2.38; 77-7; 77-7.2].
6. He shall make to the lodge, as its by-laws direct or as otherwise required, a report of its work, of the condition of its accounts with its officers and members, and of all other matters relating to its finances or business which may be under his care. [44-7 (Art.6)].

7. He shall keep a cash book and ledger and deliver the same, with all other books, records, and property pertaining to his office to his successor.
8. He shall keep the seal of the lodge and to affix the same with his attestation to all papers issued under authority of the lodge or by order of the Master, and in obedience to the requirements of THE CODE, to deliver the seal to his successor in office. [Chapter 46].
9. He shall preserve carefully the by-laws of the lodge, THE CODE, the vocabulary, published Proceedings, and Ceremonials of the Grand Lodge. To post promptly all amendments to THE CODE in the lodge's copy of THE CODE. [24-5.1; 24-5.3; 26-3.14].
10. He shall notify any member of the lodge who may have been excluded, suspended, expelled, or restored, immediately after the action of the lodge or the Grand Lodge. [77-20.4; 78-2.3; Chapters 100; 101].
11. He shall study the rules and forms prescribed by the Grand Lodge and to keep records, books, and other papers in accordance therewith.
12. He shall issue notices of the communications of the lodge, under direction of the Master. [45-3.1; 45-4].
13. He shall issue summonses when directed by the Master or by the lodge. [87-13.2; Chapter 83].
14. He shall keep an account with each member and promptly collect all dues.
15. He shall prepare annually at the close of his term of office a balance sheet of all accounts of the members, to furnish an official statement of his own account with the lodge, and to deliver all such documents to the Master. [44-7 (Art.6;1)].
16. He shall file promptly the annual returns required by Chapter 47 and remit to the Grand Secretary the dues and other indebtedness of his lodge to the Grand Lodge.
17. He shall file such further reports as may be required by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Secretary. [16-1.19; 20-1.4; Official Form 49].
18. He shall report to the Grand Secretary and to the District Deputy Grand Master of his district, not later than January fifteenth, the names and addresses of the officers of his lodge elected and appointed. A report shall be made regardless of whether there was an election or not. [59-12.31].
19. He shall report to the Grand Secretary within five days after each stated communication transactions if any, at such stated communication under each of the following subjects, giving the full name of each: [75-10; Official Form 49].
    A. Each petition for the degrees received and each petitioner for the degrees elected,
    B. Each petitioner for the degrees rejected,
    C. Each application for affiliation received and each applicant for affiliation elected, [75-10]
    D. Each applicant for affiliation rejected,
    E. Each member who died since the last stated communication and the date thereof,
    F. Each member excluded, suspended, or expelled, the date thereof, the cause therefor, and the period of such suspension,
    G. Each member demitted, and [77-3]
    H. Each member restored to membership and the date thereof. [78-2.3; 101-9]. The Grand Secretary from time to time may prescribe a form of report to be used in connection with this division and may take from or add other subjects not included herein. [16-1.18].

20. He shall transmit promptly to the Grand Lodge Committee on By-laws of Subordinate Lodges copies of all by-laws and amendments thereof adopted by his lodge as provided in Regulation 44-7 (Article 24). [34-15; 43-10].
21. He shall submit his books and accounts to an examination whenever required to do so by the Master of his lodge or the Grand Lodge.
22. He shall give surety bond in such sum and upon such conditions as the lodge may require. On his failure to execute and deliver a proper bond when required, the Master shall declare the office of Secretary vacant, and by dispensation of the Grand Master shall proceed to hold another election to select another brother as Secretary. [55-6].
23. He shall label and file for preservation all petitions and documents of every character on the business of the lodge and keep the same in some safe and secure place and deliver them only by order of the lodge unless otherwise provided in THE CODE. [67-5].
24. He shall present promptly to the lodge all official communications from the Grand Master or the Grand Secretary which require action by his lodge, or which should be read in open lodge as information or instruction.
25. He shall answer immediately all official communications or inquiries that require report or information from the Secretary without action of his lodge.
26. He shall draw all orders or warrants on the Treasurer for the payments of money when authorized to do so by the lodge.
27. He shall perform these and such other duties as are required of him by the law of the Grand Lodge or his lodge, and as the Master or the lodge may order.
28. The minutes of the lodge at the next stated communication shall bear record of mailing of any demit issued by the lodge to the Grand Secretary, and the date thereof.
29. The Secretary shall add at the end of the minutes of any emergant communication called for the purpose of conducting a Masonic burial a certificate to the effect that the brethren did receive the body and did inter the same with a Masonic burial ceremony.
30. In the event a lodge desires to have open Installation of Officers the Secretary shall add at the end of the minutes a certificate to the effect that the officers of the lodge were duly installed, unless otherwise noted, including the names of the installing officers, and that the charter, constitution and by-laws were delivered to the master during the installation.
31. Every Secretary shall, within fifteen days after the annual installation, transmit to the Grand Secretary, and to the District Deputy Grand Master a duly certified list of the names of the newly installed officers with the dates of their election and installation, and the name and title of the installing officer. [59-12.18].

REG. 59-13 SENIOR DEACON. The duties of the Senior Deacon shall be as follows.

1. He shall act as the messenger of the Master in the active duties of the lodge.
2. He shall give fraternal attention to visiting brethren.
3. He shall receive and conduct candidates in the three degrees of Masonry.
4. He shall perform such other duties as the usage and customs of the Craft may require or the Master may order.

REG. 59-14 JUNIOR DEACON. The duties of the Junior Deacon shall be as follows.

1. He shall act as messenger of the Senior Warden in the active duties of the lodge.
2. He shall have special care that the lodge is secure. [59-2.49].
3. If the Junior Deacon cannot personally vouch for each person in the lodge room as a Master Mason at the time the lodge is being purged, he shall proceed forthwith in the proper manner to satisfy himself to that effect. Failure to perform this important duty fully and properly shall be a serious Masonic offense. [50-4; Chapter 51].
4. He shall perform such other duties as the usage and customs of the Craft may require or the Master may order.

REG. 59-15 STEWARDS. The duties of the Stewards shall be as follows.

1. They shall perform such duties agreeable to the usage of the Craft and pertaining to their offices as may be required by the ritual, the Junior Warden, or the Master.
2. They shall provide for the comfort of the brethren.

REG. 59-16 TYLER. The duties of the Tyler shall be as follows.

1. To guard the entrance of the lodge, to report all brethren to the Junior Deacon for admission, to announce the name of each *visiting* brother and the name, number and location of his lodge; to see that each brother who enters is duly qualified, vouched for, and properly clothed; to be subject to the direct orders of the Master, and to keep a register of visiting brethren. [51-3; 62-1; 62-1.7].
2. To have charge, subject to the direct order of the Master, of the furniture, jewels, and other property of the lodge.
3. To have special care to insure cleanliness in the hall and anterooms.
4. To serve notices, summonses, citations, or other documents issued under authority of the Master and the lodge when ordered unless otherwise provided. [51-3; 51-3.2; 83-3].

CHAPTER 60

Trustees of a Lodge

REG. 60-1 POWERS AND DUTIES. The powers and duties of the trustee are determined as follows.

1. No part of Regulations 60-1, 60-2, 60-3, 60-4, or 60-5 shall automatically apply to a subordinate lodge which is incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina unless the lodge shall adopt as a part of its by-laws any of the provisions of Regulation 60-5, in which event all of the named regulations shall also apply to such lodge, but those regulations shall automatically apply to a lodge not so incorporated.
2. Each subordinate lodge which is not incorporated shall have not less than three nor more than five trustees.
3. Duties and powers of the trustees shall be as follows.
   A. They shall receive, take, and hold in trust for the lodge the property of every nature and kind belonging to the lodge which may be committed by the lodge to their care.
   B. They shall have the care and management of the real and personal property belonging to the lodge when committed to them.
   C. They shall hold the same in trust solely for the use and benefit of the lodge, but the management and control thereof shall always be subject to the by-laws, rules, and orders of the lodge. [60-10].
   D. They shall negotiate all investments for the lodge at its order.
   E. They shall make, execute, and deliver any evidence of debt, conveyance, or other documents as and when directed by the lodge to do so.
   F. They shall insure and keep insured all lodge property when and as directed by the lodge. [43-2.14].
   G. They shall do all other legitimate and proper acts that the lodge may direct or the law may require.
   H. They shall give such bonds as the lodge or the Grand Lodge may require. [44-7(Art.20)]
   I. A majority of the trustees shall constitute a quorum for transaction of their business.

REG. 60-2 QUALIFICATIONS. Each trustee of a lodge who is not also the Master, or the Senior Warden, or the Junior Warden shall be and remain at all times during his term as trustee a member in good standing therein and a resident of the State of North Carolina. If his membership in the lodge should cease for any cause, or if he should remove permanently from the state he shall, *ipso facto*, and at once, cease to be a trustee. He shall not be reinstated as such trustee of the lodge by restoration to membership therein or by return to the jurisdiction of the lodge, but before he shall again serve as trustee, he shall be elected and qualified as such trustee.

REG. 60-3 VACANCY. In the event of a vacancy among the trustees by resignation, death, or otherwise, if he is not also the Master, the Senior Warden, or the Junior Warden of the lodge, the lodge shall elect by a majority vote a qualified member at the next stated communication held after such vacancy has occurred or has come to the attention of the lodge, and such member so elected shall fill the unexpired term to which he has been elected.

REG. 60-4 REMOVAL. The lodge may remove any trustee if he is not also the Master, the Senior Warden, or the Junior Warden of the lodge by two-thirds of the votes of the members present at a stated communication. Not less than five days' written notice that such action will be considered by the lodge shall be given in person or by first-class mail to the last known address of the trustee or trustees to be voted on, and the lodge may at the same, or a subsequent, communication fill any vacancy thus created among the trustees.

REG. 60-5 ABSENCE OF A BY-LAW. In the absence of a by-law of the lodge as provided in Paragraph 1 of this regulation, the Master, the Senior Warden, and the Junior Warden as provided by THE CODE, and their respective successors in office shall be the trustees of a subordinate lodge which is not incorporated as hereinbefore set forth.

REG. 60-6 SURPLUS FUNDS. The lodge may lend its surplus funds under the supervision of its trustees on such security as it may deem proper but shall make no such loan to a member of the lodge. The trustees shall lend the funds of the lodge in their names as trustees but only as and when directed to do so by a vote of the lodge. [25-2; 35-4; 43-8; 60-7].

REG. 60-7 FUNDS USED FOR MASONIC PURPOSES. Lodge funds shall not be used for other than Masonic purposes. The purchase of properly selected bonds or other forms of investment is not prohibited except as provided in Regulations 25-2 and 43-8. [13-3.9; 43-2.16; 60-6; 85-1].

REG. 60-8 TRUSTEE STATUTORY OFFICER. A trustee of a lodge shall be a statutory, not a Masonic, officer and may, therefore, hold any elective or appointive office in his lodge. A dispensation is not necessary to hold an election to fill a vacancy in the office of trustee of a lodge. This regulation is subject to Regulation 60-5. [3-3.2; 53-1; 53-2.4; 57-2].

REG. 60-9 PROPERTY IN NAME OF TRUSTEES. A lodge which is not incorporated may hold real estate only in the names of its trustees; leases, deeds of trust, mortgages, or conveyances of the same may be made only to or by such trustees as directed by the lodge. [43-8.1.B; 43-8.1].

REG. 60-10 LODGE SHALL RETAIN CONTROL. Each lodge shall always retain control over its own property and financial affairs and shall administer them by a majority vote of its members present at any stated communication without the interposition of a board of control, board of trustees, or any similar board. Any by-law, resolution, or other enactment of a lodge which shall be in conflict with this subdivision is void and of no effect. Trustees shall not make any disposition of the property of a lodge without its order. A contract entered into by the trustees attempting to bind a lodge without its specific consent and approval shall be illegal and void. The trustees shall not have authority to lease or grant the use of property owned by the lodge or to notify tenants of the cancellation of leases without authorization of the lodge. [4-4; 4-6; 49-5; 43-2.15; ; 43-8.1.D, 43-8.1.E; 60-1.2; 63-13].

REG. 60-11 ANNUAL INVENTORY. The trustees at the end of each fiscal year, and oftener if required by the lodge, shall file with the Secretary an inventory of all lodge property in their possession, and unless otherwise

ordered by the lodge, shall account for and turn over to him all moneys in their possession.

REG. 60-12 RECOMMENDATIONS. The trustees shall report and make recommendations to the lodge in matters affecting the finances of the lodge. The lodge should give such reports and recommendations, respect and consideration either to adopt, amend, or reject them.

REG. 60-13 REFUSAL OF A TRUSTEE TO COMPLY. The failure or refusal of a trustee to comply with any of the provisions of the law or with the directive and mandate of the lodge in any particular shall constitute a Masonic offense for which he may be disciplined or removed from office, and on due proceedings, he may be tried for such offense. [44-7(Arts.16,17,18)].

CHAPTER 61

Committees of a Lodge

REG. 61-1 STANDING COMMITTEES. There shall be seven standing committees in each subordinate lodge as follows:

a Committee on Charity,
a Committee on Finance and Budget,
a Reference Committee,
a Committee on the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford,
a Committee on the Masonic and Eastern Star Home,
a Committee on Masonic Education, and
a Committee on DeMolay.

REG. 61-2 CHARITY. The Committee on Charity shall consist of the Master and Senior and Junior Wardens. The Master shall be the chairman.

1. The committee shall act in behalf of the lodge toward those entitled to its benevolence.
2. This committee shall have power at any time to draw on the Treasurer, through its chairman, without further action by the lodge for a sum not exceeding ten dollars for any one case, to relieve the distress of a worthy brother or those dependent upon him. The amount that may be drawn under this section may be increased or reduced by each lodge in its by-laws. In the absence of a by-law thereon by any particular lodge, the amount above stated shall govern. [44-7(Art.13:1)].
3. It shall be the duty of a subordinate lodge to provide for all legitimate demands for charity, in fixing the amount of its annual dues.
4. A lodge shall not be liable for Masonic aid furnished by another lodge or a brother unless such aid is furnished at the request of such lodge. [85-5]
5. It shall be proper for a subordinate lodge when its own charity funds are inadequate to request assistance from the Committee on Charity of the Grand Lodge through the recommendation of the Grand Master. [34-12.1].

REG. 61-3 FINANCE AND BUDGET. The Committee on Finance and Budget shall consist of three members of the lodge to be appointed by the Master on the day of his installation. A lodge may in its by-laws provide that the three members of this committee shall be elected to serve for staggered three year terms but in the absence of such by-laws the members shall be appointed and shall each serve one year. The Master shall name the Chairman of this committee. [44-7(Art.14)].

1. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance and Budget to examine the books, vouchers, and records of the trustees, Treasurer, and the Secretary and make a detailed report in writing at the first stated communication in February each year. The committee shall audit all bills, accounts, and claims that may be referred to it and report upon the same in writing to the lodge. [44-7(Art.14)].
2. This committee shall prepare a budget of the estimated income and expenditures of the lodge for the next fiscal year and submit the same to the lodge with their annual report. [Official Form 39].
3. The lodge shall consider the report of the committee, make such amendments as it may deem necessary or proper, and adopt the budget.

REG. 61-4 REFERENCE COMMITTEE. The Reference Committee shall consist of three discrete and judicious members who shall be appointed annually by the Master. To it shall be referred any matter of difference between members for the purpose of friendly and brotherly adjustment, for counsel and advice, and for warning if necessary. This committee is in no sense a trial committee, and it has no judicial or punitive powers, but it may recommend to the Master or to the lodge such course of action as it may deem proper in each case.

REG. 61-5 THE MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN. The Committee on the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford shall consist of not less than three members who shall be appointed annually by the Master. It shall investigate and report its recommendations to the lodge on all applications for admission to the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford filed with the lodge. It shall present the needs of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford to the members of the lodge from time to time and to solicit their support of such needs.

REG. 61-6 MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME. The Committee on the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated, shall consist of not less than three members who shall be appointed annually by the Master. It shall investigate and report its recommendations to the lodge on all applications for admission to the home filed with the lodge. It shall present the needs of the home to the members of the lodge from time to time and to solicit their support of such needs.

REG. 61-7 MASONIC EDUCATION. The Committee on Masonic Education shall be appointed annually by the Master. The duties of this committee shall be as follows.

1. It shall have charge of and promote from time to time such programs on Masonic education as may be deemed advisable.
2. It shall promote in the lodge all programs of Masonic education for candidates, other than instruction in the ritual or catechism, which may be authorized from time to time by the Board of Custodians or the Grand Lodge. [29-6.5].
3. This committee shall consist of not less than five nor more than fifteen members.

REG. 61-8 DEMOLAY. The Committee on DeMolay shall consist of not less than three members who shall be appointed annually by the Master. It shall assist in the formation of DeMolay Chapters in their communities and to assist in the supervision of the said chapters. The committee shall report to the lodge from time to time as to the progress of the chapter and to present to the lodge the needs of the chapter and solicit the support of the lodge for the chapter.

REG. 61-9 NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT. In all cases where a committee is provided for by law, it shall consist of three members unless otherwise specified in the law, and if appointive it shall be named by the Master who shall also designate the chairman. [44-7(Art.22N)].

REG. 61-10 SPECIAL COMMITTEES. A lodge by resolution may provide for special committees for particular purposes, not in violation of THE CODE, to be set forth in such resolution together with the number of members constitut-

ing the committee. The lodge may name the members thereof, if it does not, the Master shall do so, and he shall name the chairman.

REG. 61-11 VACANCIES. Unless otherwise provided the Master shall fill all vacancies on committees for the unexpired term.

CHAPTER 62

Books and Records of a Lodge

REG. 62-1 MANDATORY BOOKS AND RECORDS. Every lodge is required to procure and maintain a set of books of record and finance, a register of members and an account with each member, a visitor's book, and such other books as may be required by law, which shall include the following specific records. [59-16; 62-1.7].

1. A minute book to be kept by the Secretary in which shall be recorded all the transactions of the lodge. Everything done in a lodge which is *proper to be written* or promulgated officially shall be placed on record, and the record should show that the lodge action was in accordance with Masonic law and usage. [59-12].
   A. The minutes of every communication, stated or emergent, shall be read, corrected if necessary, and approved by the lodge before it is closed, and when so approved, they cannot be altered, expurgated, erased, obliterated, or defaced. Should it appear that an error had been made in the record, a resolution explaining, repealing, rescinding, or correcting the same may be made at a subsequent stated communication by a vote of the lodge which shall be entered as a transaction of that communication, and a marginal notation shall be made on the previous minutes. The reading of the minutes at the next stated communication shall not be for approval, but to bring forward unfinished business and for the general information of the members present. [59-12.2].
   B. The minutes of a communication of a lodge hosting a District Meeting may be approved by the Grand Master, only, without the necessity of the minutes being read.
   C. The minutes must be written in ink or on typewriter, and a marginal index may be used. They shall show the day of the month, the year, and the hour that the lodge was opened. [45-2.3, 45-3.3; 45-2.4; 62-2.6].
   D. When a just and true minute of the proceedings of a lodge is recorded by the Secretary, no amendment, question, or act shall be entertained or allowed which tends to make it conform to a state of facts not existing.
   E. No motion is necessary to approve the minutes. The Master asks if the minutes have been correctly recorded, and if they have been, they should be approved by the lodge without a motion.
   F. Minutes shall be kept in a proper record or minute book which may be a loose leaf binder system but not on loose and unbound sheets as memoranda, and must be signed officially by the Secretary but need not be signed by the Master. [62-2].
2. All the lodge books of records and accounts, old as well as new, shall be carefully preserved under lock and key by the Secretary as safely as possible from the hazards of fire, water, loss, or mutilation.
3. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge shall be preserved by lodges in suitable bookcases and under charge of the lodge Secretary who shall be responsible for their proper keeping. They may be loaned to members who shall return them to the lodge at or before the next succeeding stated communication.

4. A roll book in which shall be recorded, upon pages alphabetically arranged the full name of each member of the lodge, the place and date of his birth, the date of his initiation, passing, raising, and affiliation, the name, number, and location of the lodges of which those affiliated have been members, and the dates of expulsion, suspension, exclusion, demission, death, or restoration.
5. The Treasurer shall keep such books as are necessary to present clearly his accounts with the lodge.
6. Each lodge shall keep a record of the name of each member expelled or suspended for unmasonic conduct with the date of his expulsion or suspension. This record shall not be open to inspection by any person, *except* a member of the lodge, the Grand Master, the Judge Advocate, or the chairman of the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge unless by order of the Grand Master.
7. A register shall be kept by the Tyler in which all visitors shall record their names and the names, numbers, and locations of their respective lodges, before entering the lodge. [59-16.1; Official Form 54].
8. The Secretary shall keep such account books as may be necessary to present clearly the account of each member with the lodge, the receipts by him, and his payments to the Treasurer, and he shall carefully preserve THE CODE and other laws of the Grand Lodge, which may from time to time be published, together with all the printed proceedings thereof as promulgated by its order.
9. Such other books and records shall be kept as may be prescribed by the lodge or the Grand Secretary.

REG. 62-2 SPECIFIC MATTERS. The minutes of a lodge shall include the following. [59-12.1; 66-2].

1. The minutes shall include the report of a Committee of Investigation, the names in full of all applicants for affiliation, advancement, restoration, or demission, of all courtesy candidates, and of all petitioners for the degrees, of all members excluded, expelled, suspended, or restored, and of all candidates initiated, passed, or raised, and the dates any action is or was taken on any of the foregoing. [67-6].
2. The minutes shall include the names of officers, members, and visitors present.
3. The minutes shall include the special report of a Committee of Investigation when the petitioner or applicant is found to be physically, mentally, or jurisdictionally disqualified, or dead. [66-2; 67-4; 67-6].
4. The minutes shall not show the names of a Committee of Investigation, nor the details of its report, except as provided in Subdivision 3 of this regulation. The minutes shall not show the character of charges preferred against a brother, except as required by law. [67-4; 67-5; 67-6; 100-1].
5. The minutes of a lodge are to be used only for Masonic purposes and not to influence any tribunal other than Masonic. They shall be open to inspection by any member of the lodge, the District Deputy Grand Master, or the Grand Master or his representative, but not by a profane.
6. The minutes of a lodge shall show the day of the month, the year, and the hour the lodge is opened. [45-2.3, 45-3.3; 45-2.4; 62-1.1.C].

CHAPTER 63

Voting in a Lodge

REG. 63-1 METHODS OF VOTING. Voting in a subordinate lodge shall be *first*, by show of hands, *second*, by written paper ballot, *third*, by secret ballot of balls and cubes, and by no other method.

REG. 63-2 WRITTEN BALLOT. When a vote by written paper ballot is ordered, the Master shall appoint not more than five tellers, and they shall be provided with ballot slips by the Secretary and shall immediately commence distributing them to the members present who are entitled to vote. The Master shall announce that each member voting shall prepare his ballot by writing clearly thereon the nature of his vote and shall order the tellers to collect the votes. When all have voted, he shall declare the ballot closed and order the tellers to count the ballots and announce the result. Other business may be transacted while the tellers are counting the ballots if the lodge consents. [54-3; 54-3.1; 100-1.4; 100-1.7].

REG. 63-3 SHOW OF HANDS. Unless the law requires a vote by ballot, it shall be taken by show of hands, *provided*, when not less than two members concur in a demand or when the Master may order, the vote shall be taken by paper ballot. Voting by *Yea* and *Nay* is not permitted. [59-2.14].

REG. 63-4 EVERY MEMBER PRESENT MUST VOTE. Every member present must vote, unless excused by the Master, because of personal interest in the question or because he was not present when the question was first voted on. Blank pieces of paper are neither ballots nor votes and cannot be counted as such, nor can they have any effect upon the result. No member shall be excused in *secret* balloting. Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts are not members of a lodge. Members present and excused from voting on any question shall not be counted as present on that vote or ballot. [19-7; 19-8; 54-3.1; 59-2.28; 63-15; 68-3.16; 74-2; 45-23.17; 100-4].

REG. 63-5 SECRET BALLOT. Secret ballot shall be taken as follows. [87-17].

1. Wherever the term *secret ballot* is used in THE CODE, it shall mean the use of white balls and black cubes but not black balls, and with a ballot box so arranged that the character of an individual ballot shall not become known. [Chapter 68].
2. A motion to reconsider a secret ballot is illegal and shall not be entertained.
3. A written ballot is not a secret ballot.
4. A secret ballot when once commenced must be completed without interval or postponement. [68-3.9; 68-3.13; 68-3.17; 68-3.18; 68-3.19].

REG. 63-6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS. All ballots cast at an election of officers on which there does not appear in a legible manner the name of some member of the lodge are blank ballots, these are not votes and shall not be considered in determining the result. [19-8; 54-3.2].

REG. 63-7 TOO MANY BALLOTS. If there are more ballots cast including blanks than there are members present, the vote is illegal and shall be declared void. [19-8].

REG. 63-8 LATE BALLOT. The fact that a ballot was cast by a member after the Master declared the ballot closed, without objection by anyone, shall not invalidate the election after the result has been announced. [19-8;].

REG. 63-9 NO PROXIES. A member shall not vote by proxy.

REG. 63-10 RETIREMENT DURING VOTE. If a member retires from the lodge room during a vote and returns before the same is closed, he may be permitted to vote, but this does not apply in a secret ballot.

REG. 63-11 TYLER. The Tyler, if he is qualified to vote in the lodge, shall be subject to the same law as any other member, but his failure to vote will not affect the legality of the voting or the result thereof. He shall not be excused from voting in a secret ballot. [59-2.28; 68-3.9].

REG. 63-12 CHANGE OF VOTE. In all voting, except by secret ballot, a member may change his vote but only before the result has been announced.

REG. 63-13 MAJORITY VOTE. A majority vote shall govern in all cases except as provided in THE CODE. No lodge shall in any manner, through its by-laws or by resolution or otherwise, require more than a majority vote of its members present to transact any financial or other business matter and no lodge shall in any such manner or by any device require the vote of its total membership or of any designated majority of its total membership to transact any matters except as provided in THE CODE. [44-7 (Art.22B,H); 60-10; 63-4; 45-23.18; 45-23.19].

REG. 63-14 VISITORS. No visiting brother shall vote in a lodge on any matter.

REG. 63-15 PARLIAMENTARY USAGE. In voting in a lodge Regulation 36-10 shall govern as far as its several provisions may apply. [Chapter 68].

REG. 63-16 MASTER'S VOTE. The Master may cast the deciding vote in case of a tie, *provided*, he has not already voted. [44-7 (Art.22B); 59-2.25].

CHAPTER 64

Fees for the Degrees

REG. 64-1 MINIMUM INITIATION FEE. No lodge in this state shall confer any of the Symbolic degrees in Masonry for less than fifty dollars. [5-2.1; 49-10.1].

1. A lodge may charge more but not less than the prescribed minimum fee.
2. Each lodge shall state in its by-laws the amount to be charged by it as a fee for the degrees.
3. The fee for the degrees shall not be prorated in any manner.
4. A lodge shall collect the same fee for the degrees from each petitioner without discrimination.
5. It shall not dispense with, waive, or refund the same or any part thereof by any plan or device whatever, except when the petition is rejected or no degree is conferred. [49-10.1; 64-4.1; 64-4; 64-3; 64-4.5; 66-2; 67-6; 69-2; 73-3.3; 75-18].

REG. 64-2 FEES IN A CONCURRENT JURISDICTION. Lodges having concurrent jurisdiction shall each charge the same amount as a fee for the degrees, and in the event they do not agree on the amount, the Grand Master shall have the power to settle the same. A lodge may appeal from his decision.

REG. 64-3 FEE MUST ACCOMPANY PETITION. No lodge shall receive any petition for the degrees unless the prescribed fee shall have been actually paid in full, in money, to the proper officer. No written or verbal promise to pay the same be received in lieu thereof.

REG. 64-4 REFUNDS. The fee for initiation shall be promptly returned
when a petition is withdrawn,
the Master refuses to entertain a petition,
a lodge has no jurisdiction to entertain a petition,
the petitioner is not eligible or qualified to receive the degrees,
a petitioner is rejected,
a petitioner elected to receive the degrees becomes mentally,
physically, or otherwise disqualified before initiation, or
if a petitioner elected to receive the degrees dies before initiation

1. Where a lodge has legally received the fee for the degrees and the petitioner is elected, the lodge shall refund the fee in full if by action of the lodge it has not conferred the first degree on the petitioner within one year of his election.
2. Should an elected petitioner fail to appear for the degrees within one year of his election, his election shall be void and he shall forfeit the fee paid. The lodge may, in its discretion, return the fee. [64-4.1].
3. If a candidate has moved from the jurisdiction of a lodge after he has been elected to receive the degrees and before he is initiated, he shall not be entitled to the return of the fee paid, but the lodge may return the fee. [42-10; 42-10; 42-13; 64-4.1].
4. If the lodge has conferred the first degree on the petitioner no part of the fee shall be returned at any time even if the brother is rejected for advancement. [64-4.2; 64-4.3; 69-2].

5. In no case shall the lodge use any part of the fee until the petitioner has been initiated. [64-4.1; 64-4.2; 64-4.3; 69-2].

REG. 64-5 COURTESY FEES. Where one lodge confers a degree for another, the lodge that does the work can collect only such fee from the candidate as the lodge for which the work is done may direct. The compensation, if any, to the lodge conferring the degree shall be agreed upon in advance. [71-10.4].

REG. 64-6 CHANGE IN FEE. The increase or reduction by a lodge of the fee for the degrees shall not apply to one whose petition has been received and action is pending thereon nor to one on whom any degree has been conferred.

CHAPTER 65

Petitions for Degrees

REG. 65-1 PETITION RECEIVED - BALLOT. No petition for the degrees in Masonry shall be received except for the three Symbolic Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason. A petition shall be received only at a stated communication. A unanimously favorable vote by secret ballot shall be required to elect to the three degrees. [45-3.4.B; 49-10.1; 68-3.15; 68-9].

REG. 65-2 BELIEF IN THE EXISTENCE OF GOD. Each petitioner for the degrees shall affirm his belief in the existence of God.

REG. 65-3 MANNER OF PETITION. All petitions for the degrees shall be:

1. Made in writing on the form designated Official Form 17, which form is hereby made a part of this regulation and shall not be substantively amended except in the same manner as any other part of THE CODE, [Official Form 17]
2. Addressed to a lodge having jurisdiction, unless a waiver has been obtained [42-7.1; 66-1.8; 66-3].
3. Signed by the petitioner with his full name in his own handwriting.

REG. 65-4 RECOMMENDERS. Every petitioner for degrees shall be recommended by two members of the lodge to which he petitioned, each of whom must have personal acquaintance with the petitioner. [74-2].

REG. 65-5 WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION. No petitioner for the degrees shall withdraw his petition except by unanimous consent of the lodge, which does not require the secret ballot, nor shall any such petition be withdrawn after any member of a Committee of Investigation shall have reported unfavorably, nor after a ballot has been taken thereon. No one but the petitioner may request withdrawal of his petition, and his request must be in writing, signed by him, and filed with the Secretary. [45-3.4; 66-2; 68-9; 69-2; 73-1].

REG. 65-6 REFUSAL TO ENTERTAIN PETITION. When a petition for the degrees to a lodge which has jurisdiction is presented and read in open lodge, the Master or lodge may refuse to entertain it and may order it returned to the petitioner. If such action is not then taken, the Master shall declare that it is received, which declaration shall constitute the act of receiving the petition by the lodge. [59-2.47].

REG. 65-7 LACK OF JURISDICTION. When a petition for the degrees is presented to a lodge which does not have jurisdiction it shall not be received and the Master shall order it returned to the petitioner. [42-9; 66-2; 67-3.4; 67-6].

REG. 65-8 FORWARDED TO GRAND SECRETARY. When a petition for degrees is received by a lodge, the Secretary shall, within five days after presenting and reading in open lodge at a stated communication, forward the original petition to the Grand Secretary who shall attach thereto such record and information with respect to the petitioner as he may possess and return the

same with his record to the Secretary of the subordinate lodge within five days from its receipt by him. [59-12.19; Official Form 49].

REG. 65-9 REPORTS. No lodge shall ballot on any petition for the degrees until the reports of the Grand Secretary and the Committee of Investigation thereon have been received by it. The penalty for violation of this regulation shall be such as the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge may inflict. [68-1].

CHAPTER 66

Petitioners Qualifications

REG. 66-1 QUALIFICATIONS. Each petitioner for the degrees in Masonry must possess certain qualifications which are as follows.

1. He must be a believer in God and in immortality. A petitioner who is unable or unwilling to express a belief in the existence of God lacks an essential qualification for the degrees in Masonry. In every such case the fee shall be returned with the information that he cannot become a Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction. [66-1.1; 67-8; Preamble I].[66-1.1; 63-6; 67-8; 73-6.5; 75-8.3; 78-2.2.C; (Preamble I)].
2. He must be a man free born.
3. He must have the senses of a man, especially those of hearing, seeing, and feeling.
4. He must be of mental worth, sound mind, upright life, and good morals. [73-6.5; 75-8.3; 78-2.2.C].
5. He must possess the ability to earn a livelihood.
6. He must be not less than twenty-one years of age at the time his petition is signed. The Grand Master may not waive the provisions of the law requiring an applicant for the degrees to be twenty-one years of age at the time the petition is signed.
7. He must be able to speak and understand the language of the ritual. [65-3.3; 71-24].
8. He must have resided within the state for at least one year and within the jurisdiction of the lodge petitioned at least six months immediately preceding the date of his petition unless a waiver is obtained from the lodge having jurisdiction as provided by law. [42-7.1; 42-9; 66-3].
9. He must have no physical disability which would prevent him from earning a livelihood or would make him a burden or a charge upon the Craft.
10. He must not have been rejected by any regular lodge in this jurisdiction, or in any other jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge, within six months immediately preceding the date of his petition. [42-16].
11. He must not be under sentence or judgment for violation of any law of the land involving moral turpitude. His right to citizenship must have been restored in the event it was lost by such conviction and sentence. [73-6.5; 75-8.3; 78-2.2.C; 86-2.28; 101-5.4.B].
12. He must not be engaged in any enterprise, business, or profession which would constitute a Masonic offense if engaged in by a Mason. [73-6.5; 75-8.3; 78-2.2.C].
13. He must not have received either an undesirable or dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States. If separation from the Armed Forces was under either of the proceeding classifications, satisfactory evidence must be submitted to verify the discharge has been changed by legal authority to at least a General Discharge.

REG. 66-2 PHYSICAL DEFECTS. If a petition for the degrees is presented to a lodge by a petitioner whose physical defects prevent him from conforming literally to the requirements of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry with the use of any necessary artificial appliances and/or aids, the petition

shall be forwarded within five days to the Grand Secretary for transmittal to the Grand Master, and if he approves the same, the lodge may then receive the petition.

REG. 66-3 JURISDICTION. A lodge may receive a petition from a qualified profane over whom it has acquired jurisdiction. If a lodge has jurisdiction over a profane and he moves his residence, in good faith, from its jurisdiction to another place, either within or without the state, that lodge shall not receive a petition from him because he would not then be qualified to petition that lodge under Regulations 42-7.1, and 66-1.8. [42-5; 42-8.3; 42-8.5.E; 42-9; 65-3.2; 66-1.8; 68-12].

REG. 66-4 BELIEF IN GOD. Belief in the existence of God is a fundamental tenet in Freemasonry. It is an indispensable prerequisite to eligibility to take the degrees. If the candidate practiced false pretense in obtaining admission to the lodge by deceptively announcing such faith, or if subsequent to his initiation his mind, for any cause, has undergone a change of religious belief to the extent of repudiating or renouncing faith in God, he ought to be expelled. Denying the main essential to a genuine Masonic life, he should be denied Masonic privileges. [66-1.1; 67-8; 86-2.2; Preamble I].

REG. 66-5 MATTERS NOT BARRING MEMBERSHIP. A man is eligible to petition for the degrees in Masonry as long as he is in possession of the required physical and intellectual faculties, of which the lodge must be the judge. One of illegitimate birth, or an alien, if otherwise qualified, is eligible. That "Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion" is one of the fundamental principles of the Craft, and if the petitioner is a good man and true, has faith in God, and is desirable material otherwise, the fact that he is a Roman Catholic or a member of any other faith that bars Masonic membership, does not prohibit his making petition for the degrees in Masonry. [42-17; 87-4].

REG. 66-6 PETITION FROM A CLANDESTINE MASON. The petition of one who was a member of a clandestine lodge may be received by a lodge, but the petitioner should not be balloted on to receive the degrees until it is first ascertained that he joined the clandestine lodge in the honest belief that it was a regular lodge of Masons and that he has recanted in writing, and is now sincere in his desire to become a regular Mason; nor shall he be balloted on until the Grand Master has authorized the lodge to act. [75-1.5; 87-2; Official Form 40].

REG. 66-7 MASTER'S DUTY. Masters of lodges will be held strictly accountable for the observance of this chapter.

CHAPTER 67

Committee of Investigation and Its Report

REG. 67-1 SCOPE OF CHAPTER. This chapter shall govern all Committees of Investigation on all applications or petitions which are required by law to be referred to and considered by a Committee of Investigation, so far as it can be made to apply to each case and subject to any special law pertaining to the case. [67-2; 75-8].

REG. 67-2 MATTERS REFERRED. Every petition for the degrees and every application for membership or for restoration which is received by a lodge shall be referred by the Master to a special Committee of Investigation to consist of three members of the lodge appointed by him, none of whom shall be a recommender of the petitioner or the applicant. [62-2.4; 75-8; 78-2.2.A; 101-6; Official Form 19].

REG. 67-3 DUTY. Each member of the Committee of Investigation shall: [Official Form 19].

1. See the petitioner for the degrees personally, unless he has *personal knowledge* of all of the petitioner's qualifications as set forth in Regulation 66-1,
2. Examine him in such manner as prudence may direct if he does not have the *personal knowledge* required in the preceding subdivision,
3. Diligently inquire into his age, character, and habits; his moral, mental, physical, and other qualifications, [66-1]
4. Ascertain whether he has resided within the state and within the jurisdiction of the lodge the prescribed time, [65-7]
5. Confer with his associate members, formulate and file his report to the lodge within twenty-seven days from the date the petition is received by the lodge, and [67-3.7; Official Form 19]
6. The members of the committee shall confer before making a report.
7. The Master may grant a Committee of Investigation more time but not more than twenty-seven days.

REG. 67-4 REPORT. The Committee of Investigation shall make its report in writing as *favorable* or *unfavorable* unless they should find that the petitioner or applicant is not eligible or qualified as to territorial or personal jurisdiction or as to his physical condition, or other cause, *except* as to his moral qualifications, in which case they may make such further report as will enable the Master to decide upon the proper action to take on the petition or application under Regulation 67-6. [59-2.48; 62-2.3; 62-2.4; 66-2; Official Form 19].

1. All members of the committee must report.
2. If two members of a committee both report favorably or unfavorably, the Master may order a ballot.
3. A member refusing to agree with the action of the majority shall register his dissent by a minority report.
4. The Committee of Investigation shall not be permitted to incorporate into its report letters and other documentary evidence giving information upon which report is based. [68-6].

5. A lodge shall take no action on a committee's report upon a petition or an application.
6. The ballot is had only upon the *election* or *rejection* of the *petitioner* or the applicant.
7. When a petitioner for the degrees dies, or becomes insane or otherwise disqualified before the ballot is taken, the fact shall be noted on the minutes of the lodge, and no further action shall be taken except to return the fee paid. [68-9; 71-5].

REG. 67-5 DISPOSITION. When the committee makes its report, it shall be filed with the Secretary and by him placed before the Master of the lodge. Immediately after the ballot has been taken and declared, or the petition or application is otherwise disposed of as provided by law, the report shall be destroyed if the petitioner or applicant has been rejected. [59-12.23].

REG. 67-6 MINUTES. The report of the Committee of Investigation upon a petition or upon an application shall be recorded on the minutes in this manner only;

The Committee of Investigation on the petition of Mr._____ (or upon the application of Brother _____), reported; the ballot was spread and he was duly elected (or rejected as the case may be).

The character of the report shall not appear or be recorded anywhere in the records of the lodge. If the Committee of Investigation finds the petitioner or applicant is disqualified under the law, except as to his moral qualification, it shall make a special written report thereon, in which case the Master shall order the petition or application withdrawn and the fee returned, and the following entry or its substance shall be made on the minutes of the lodge:

The Committee of Investigation on the petition (or application) of Mr. _____ reported, upon which the Master declared Mr. _____ disqualified under the law of the Grand Lodge, and ordered that the petition (or application) be withdrawn and the fee returned to the petitioner (or applicant). [59-2.48; 62-2.1, 62-2.2, 62-2.3, 62-2.5; 62-2.4 66-2; 67-4].

REG. 67-7 PAID INVESTIGATOR PROHIBITED. A lodge shall not be permitted to employ a paid investigator on petitions or applications nor appoint a standing Committee of Investigation.

REG. 67-8 BELIEF IN GOD. Should the Committee of Investigation learn that the petitioner or the applicant is an atheist, it shall be its duty to report the fact to the Master who, upon satisfying himself that such is the case, shall order the petition or the application returned for want of qualification of the petitioner or the applicant. [66-1.1; 52-4, 66-4; 86-2.2; Preamble I].

REG. 67-9 FAILURE TO REPORT. In the event the majority of a Committee of Investigation fails or refuses to report within the required time, the Master shall discharge the committee and appoint another. In the event any member of such committee fails to report, the Master may remove him and appoint another brother in his place. In either case the report shall not be made immediately, and the ballot shall not be taken within twenty-one days from the date of any new appointment herein provided. [68-1].

REG. 67-10 MEMBER LEAVING JURISDICTION. A member of a Committee of Investigation who has removed from the jurisdiction of the lodge without signing the report may sign it out of the jurisdiction or out of the state.

REG. 67-11 REASONS FOR REPORT. No one may demand from any member of a Committee of Investigation the reasons for his report, or the facts on which the same was based, or how he came to his conclusion. [59-3.4].

REG. 67-12 COURTESY INVESTIGATIONS. When requested in writing to do so by a regular lodge within or without this state under its seal and the signature of its Master or its Secretary, the Master of a lodge within this state may appoint a Committee of Investigation on a petition or an application in the same manner, for the same purpose, and under the same rules and regulations that govern such matters within this state. The report of the committee shall not be considered or acted upon by the lodge from which the committee is named.

1. The report shall be forwarded promptly through the proper channel to the lodge making the request.
2. In the case of a regular lodge without this state the request shall be made, and the reply returned, through the office of the Grand Secretary. [43-11; Chapter 67].

CHAPTER 68

The Secret Ballot

REG. 68-1 RESTRICTIONS ON BALLOT. No ballot shall be taken on
a petition for the degrees,
an application for advancement,
an application for affiliation, or
an application for restoration
at any other than a stated communication.

1. No ballot shall be taken in less than twenty-eight days from the time the petition or application was received by the lodge.
2. No ballot shall be taken until the report of the Grand Secretary has been received by the lodge.
3. No ballot shall be taken until a Committee of Investigation shall have reported thereon unless otherwise provided by law.
4. A secret ballot on any subject taken in violation of the law of this Grand Lodge is illegal and void.
5. Another secret ballot on the same subject shall not be taken until it has been authorized by the Grand Master, and then only at a stated communication. [43-3.7; 45-3.4; 45-3.4.B; 45-3.4.C; 45-3.4.D; 59-2.12; 65-1; 65-8; 65-9; 68-8; 68-11; 68-8.2; 73-3; 75-11.1; 78-2.2; 78-2.2.D; 78-2.2.E; 81-2; 101-6].

REG. 68-2 BALLOT POSTPONED. After the report of the Committee of Investigation on a petition or an application has been received, there shall be a secret ballot unless Regulation 66-2, 67-4, and 67-6 apply. The Master may in his discretion postpone the ballot thereon until the next stated communication unless otherwise provided by law, but there shall be no further postponement except by unanimous consent of the lodge. [59-2.12; 63-4; 68-14; 73-3].

REG. 68-3 PROCEDURE. After the reports of the Grand Secretary and the Committee of Investigation have been received the ballot shall be taken as follows.

1. When a ballot has begun it shall not be suspended or postponed, nor shall it be interrupted by the admission or withdrawal of any brother, *except* the Tyler, to vote, and the brother who relieves the Tyler, but brethren shall be permitted to enter or retire between ballots on *different persons or propositions*.
2. A ballot has begun when the Master announces the name of the person to be balloted on or the proposition to be balloted on, and is not completed until the Master has announced or declared the result. [63-5.4; 63-11; 68-3.18].
3. Not more than one petition or application or proposition shall be voted on at the same time, and the simultaneous use of different or multiple ballot boxes on different petitions or applications or propositions is hereby prohibited. [44-7 (Art.21E); 45-21.5].
4. The Master shall order the Senior Deacon to prepare the ballot.
5. The Senior Deacon, after preparing the ballot box, shall pass it in turn to the Junior Warden, to the Senior Warden and then to the Master, that they may see that it is properly prepared.

6. Immediately prior to balloting the Master shall state clearly to the lodge the following: [68-3.1]
   A. The full name of the petitioner or applicant,
   B. His age, occupation, and the address of his residence and his business,
   C. Names of the brethren who recommend him if recommenders are required by law, and
   D. The *character* of report made by the Committee of Investigation.
7. The Master shall then announce
   A. the name of the person whose petition is about to be balloted upon, or the proposition to be balloted upon, and
   B. state that white *balls* elect and black *cubes* reject, requesting each member who favors the reception of the candidate or the adoption of the proposition to deposit a white *ball* and each one who opposes the same to deposit a black *cube*, cautioning him to be careful and avoid mistakes. [59-2.45].
8. The Master shall then cast his ballot, and the Senior Deacon shall pass the box to the Senior Warden and then to the Junior Warden, each of whom, in turn, shall then cast his ballot.
9. The Master may order the Senior Deacon to pass the ballot box to a member within the lodge who is physically unable otherwise to cast his ballot, and this should be done before the ballot box is placed on the altar for voting. To pass the ballot box to a member in the anteroom is irregular, it not being in the room proper. A brother is in the anteroom is absent from the lodge. If the Tyler is qualified to vote, he should be relieved by a brother and should enter the lodge to vote. [63-11; 68-3.9; 63-5.4].
10. The box shall then be placed upon the altar or upon a pedestal near the altar, and the Senior Deacon shall cast his ballot, after which the other officers and members present shall approach and cast their ballots.
11. When all have voted the Senior Deacon shall exhibit the ballot first to the Junior Warden, then to the Senior Warden, and finally to the Master.
12. If the Master finds that the ballot is clear, or that there is more than one black cube, he shall ask the Wardens how they find the ballot and not until then, shall he proclaim the result.
13. In case only one black cube appears, the Master shall not then declare the result but immediately at the same communication order a reballot without discussion on the part of the members or any intervening act or business, the result of the reballot shall be declared, and it shall be final except as provided in Regulation 68-8. [63-5.4; 68-8.2].
14. If the Wardens disagree in their report, the Master shall examine the ballot box carefully and order it returned to the Warden whose report was in error. When the reports of both Wardens and the Master agree and are correct, the Master shall declare the ballot. [59-2.45].
15. In any secret ballot *white balls* are affirmative votes and *black cubes* are *negative* votes. A unanimously favorable ballot of white balls shall be required to elect a petitioner or an applicant, or to adopt any proposition submitted to the secret ballot. [42-9; 65-1; 75-11.2, 75-11.3, 75-11.4, 75-11.5].
16. No member of the lodge shall be excused from voting in a secret ballot. [63-4; 68-3.9; 68-3.1; 45-23.17].
17. The Master shall decide and declare the result of a secret ballot at once, and he shall then destroy the ballot to preserve its secrecy. [63-5.4].
18. In the event an error, mistake, or irregularity in connection with a secret

ballot comes to the attention of the Master *while the balloting is in progress and before* the ballot has been *announced or declared* by the Master as required in Subdivisions 68-3.13 and 68-3.14 of this regulation, the Master shall *immediately stop the balloting* when the matter comes to his attention. The ballot shall not be examined by anyone, but it shall be destroyed at once and another ballot shall be taken immediately complying fully with Regulations 63-5.4; 68-3.13; 68-3.14; and 68-3.1 *provided* no member has entered or retired from the lodge room, *except* the Tyler and the brother relieving him and that the brother relieving the Tyler has returned to the lodge room.

19. A secret ballot is begun when the Master announces the name of the person, or the proposition, to be balloted on. It is not completed until the Master has *announced or declared* the result. [68-3.14].
20. After the *Master declares the result of a secret ballot, no further balloting on that particular petition or application or specific proposition just balloted on shall take place, except* by order of the Grand Master as provided in Regulations 68-8 and 68-8.2.

REG. 68-4 NOTICE TO PETITIONER OR APPLICANT. The Secretary of the lodge shall notify the petitioner or the applicant of the action by the lodge. [Official Forms 20 and 21].

REG. 68-5 CONFIDENTIALITY. In every case of a secret ballot it shall be unmasonic for any brother to make known in any way the character of his vote or purposely seek out the character of another's vote, or if known to him, to reveal it to another, the penalty for which, upon conviction, shall be *expulsion*. The intention of this Regulation is to preserve to the lodge and the Craft the full benefits and results of a secret ballot. Each member voting is the sole judge of what his vote shall be, and he shall not be questioned therefor or on account thereof. [86-2.6].

1. It is a Masonic offense for a brother, during a secret ballot, to exhibit his ballot, in any way, that it can become known to another, or to seek in any manner, to ascertain the *total number* of ballots cast. If convicted, the penalty shall be *expulsion*. [86-2.6; Chapter 100].
2. No officer or member shall disclose at any time the number of black cubes cast. [86-2.6].

REG. 68-6 EXPLANATORY REMARKS. Explanatory remarks to a very limited extent and in proper terms *before* balloting on a petitioner for the degrees or applicant for membership are admissible, but would be unmasonic after the ballot has been taken. No *debate* shall be permitted in open lodge upon the merits or demerits of any candidate at, or before, or after the time of balloting. The secret vote of each member is the only legal expression of his opinion. [67-4.4].

REG. 68-7 JURISDICTION. The ballot of a lodge upon a petitioner for the degrees or an applicant for affiliation over whom it has no jurisdiction, or who is not qualified, shall be void and of no effect.

1. If a lodge should discover, after a ballot is had on a petition for degrees and before the Entered Apprentice degree or the Fellow Craft degree or the Degree of Master Mason has been conferred, that does not have jurisdic-

tion, it shall not proceed further until it has been authorized by the Grand Master to act. [42-7.1; 42-9; 42-4].
2. With the Grand Master's authorization the lodge may proceed as provided in Regulation 42-4. [42-5; 75-1; 75-8].

REG. 68-8 GRAND MASTER'S AUTHORITY. The Grand Master shall not have the power to grant a dispensation authorizing another ballot on the *same* petition or application after it has been rejected by the lodge and *so declared* by the Master except when it is made to appear to the satisfaction of the Grand Master by *positive and unquestionable evidence* that the ballot was *clearly* and *grossly* illegal, or void, or that the lodge actually balloted on the wrong person, or could have done so through similarity of names, improper announcement by the Master or other cause whereby the actual and correct identification of the petitioner or applicant being balloted on was not made clear.
1. In such cases the Grand Master may authorize a reballot at a stated communication.
2. The dispensation authorizing the reballot shall contain a proviso that all members of the lodge shall be given not less than ten days' notice by first-class mail under sealed cover of the reballot and the time and place therefor.
3. No such reballot shall be had after two months from the date of rejection. [59-3.6; 68-11].

REG. 68-9 ONE CLEAR BALLOT. One clear ballot shall entitle the petitioner to the three degrees except
when a candidate is in default,
when objection is made to his initiation,
when an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft of a defunct lodge transfers his membership to another lodge. In these cases the petitioner or applicant for the degree or degrees must again pass the ordeal of the ballot. [65-1; 65-5; 68-3.15; 69-2; 71-1; 73-1; 73-3; Chapter 73].

REG. 68-10 BALLOT BOX. Every lodge shall have a ballot box so constructed as to enable every member to cast his vote secretly and it shall be equipped with a sufficient number of white *balls* and black *cubes* to enable every brother to express his preference freely. A white *ball* shall constitute an affirmative vote, and a black *cube* shall constitute a negative vote.

REG. 68-11 NO NOTICE OF PETITION. A lodge shall not give notice through the mail or otherwise that a ballot will be had on the petition or application of a person named in such notice except a notice shall be given for a reballot as provided in Regulation 68-8. [43-3.7; 68-1; 68-8.2].

REG. 68-12 PETITIONER WHO MOVES. A lodge has the right to ballot on the petition for the degrees of one who has moved from its jurisdiction after the reception of his petition. [42-5; 42-13; 66-3].

REG. LOST PETITION OR APPLICATION. If a petition or application becomes lost after it is received, the lodge may proceed upon a duplicate thereof.

REG. 68-14 ORDER OF VOTING ON PETITION. Petitions or applications

need not be balloted on in the order in which they are received. [59-2.12; 68-2].

REG. 68-15 PROTEST MEMBER OF ANOTHER LODGE. A lodge having lawful jurisdiction shall be the sole judge of its petitioner's or applicant's qualifications, subject to the law of this Grand Lodge. Protests from a member of another lodge should receive the fullest consideration, but further than that they cannot prevail. [13-4.4; 41-10.4; 66-2].

REG. 68-16 NO VOTE EXCEPT BY BALLOT. No vote shall be taken nor any means be used to ascertain, directly or indirectly, the sense of the lodge as to whether a petition for the degrees or an application for membership will probably be rejected, accepted, or otherwise disposed of.

REG. 68-17 NO APPEAL FROM A BALLOT. No persons rejected for any purpose by a secret ballot shall have the right to appeal from, or in any manner whatever contest, the result thereof. [Chapter 63].

REG. 68-18 PETITION VOID - TWELVE MONTHS. If a petition for the degrees has been read and received in open lodge and the petitioner is not elected or rejected within a period of twelve months the petition shall be null and void and if the petitioner desires to again petition a lodge, he can do so only by presenting a new petition in regular form which shall take the same procedure governing the original petition for the degrees. [59-2.47; 65-6; 67-2].

CHAPTER 69

Elected Petitioner

REG. 69-1 NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION. The Secretary of the lodge shall promptly notify the petitioner of his election, and of the time and place when and where he can receive the first degree. [43-3.7; 68-11; Official Form 20].

REG. 69-2 FAILURE TO APPEAR. Should an elected petitioner fail to present himself for initiation within one year from the date of notice to him of the time and place he could receive the first degree, his election shall be void except as provided in this regulation. [Official Form 20].

1. For good cause and by secret ballot, the lodge may grant the petitioner an extension of time for not more than six months from the date of expiration of the one year prescribed in the first paragraph above in which to appear for initiation; then if he fails to appear, his election shall be void. [Chapter 68].
2. If the failure to present himself for initiation is due to service in any branch of armed forces of the United States, the petitioner may present himself for initiation within six months after discharge from such service, not withstanding any other provision of this regulation, after which no further extension shall be allowed, and the election shall be void.
3. If the election becomes void under any part of this Regulation, he must again petition a lodge having jurisdiction and be subject to the procedure governing original petitions for the degrees and if the petition is made to the same lodge, it should credit him with the fee paid with his original petition if the fee has not been returned provided, a proper adjustment of the fee shall be made in the event any change in the amount of the fee has been made since the first petition was received by the lodge. [42-13; 64-4.1; 64-4.2; 65-5; 73-7].

CHAPTER 70

Rejected Petitioner or Applicant

REG. 70-1 PRESENTING A NEW PETITION. If a rejected petitioner for the degrees desires again to petition a lodge, he can do so only by presenting a new petition in regular form, which will take the same procedure as his first petition.

1. There is no limit to the number of times he may petition.
2. No lodge shall receive the petition of one who has been rejected for the degrees within six months from the date of his rejection.
   A. A petitioner for the degrees rejected by a lodge having concurrent jurisdiction cannot petition another lodge of the same concurrent jurisdiction until the lapse of one year following the date of his rejection.
   B. If he moves from the concurrent jurisdiction and resides within the jurisdiction of another lodge the time prescribed by law, he may petition that lodge. [42-7.1; 42-9; 42-11; 42-16; 42-6; 86-2.24].

REG. 70-2 ILLEGALLY CONSIDERED PETITION. A lodge having jurisdiction may receive a petition for the degrees of one duly qualified who has been *illegally* rejected by a lodge not having jurisdiction, within six months of such rejection. [86-2.24].

REG. 70-3 PETITION RETURNED NOT REJECTED. A profane whose petition for the degrees has been returned to him because of the lack of any qualification prescribed in THE CODE may present another petition at any time, which a lodge may receive, *provided*, he has then satisfied the provisions of THE CODE and is otherwise qualified. The return of the first petition was not a rejection thereof.

REG. 70-4 REJECTION NOT COMMUNICATED. If the information that a petitioner for the degrees has been rejected is communicated by a Mason to any person not a Mason, except the petitioner. the offender shall be subject to Masonic discipline. [86-2.7].

CHAPTER 71

Degrees

REG. 71-1 SUBORDINATE LODGES. Subordinate lodges and not the Grand Lodge shall confer the degrees. They shall do so under authority delegated to them in charters and dispensations granted by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, in accordance with law. [4-3; 68-9].

REG. 71-2 THREE DEGREES ONLY. The subordinate lodges are authorized to confer the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason in the order named and no other.

1. Should any subordinate lodge confer any of the degrees out of time, or out of the order mentioned herein, or confer or attempt to confer any other degree, it would be highly irregular and would constitute a serious Masonic offense.
2. The Grand Master should cite the lodge to show cause why its charter should not be arrested.
3. If his investigation justifies it, he may remove any officer of the lodge who may be involved in the irregular work and invoke Regulation 74-1.3 against any such officer or any member found responsible therefor.
4. He may direct the Judge Advocate to handle the case under the Trial Code, proceed summarily under Regulation 91-13, or such orders as he may deem necessary. [4-3; 13-3.5; 41-11; 41-10; 58-1; 59-2.15; 71-22; 74-1.3; 91-3].

REG. 71-3 MEMBERSHIP. On being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the brother, becomes a member of the lodge electing him to receive the degrees. [44-1].

REG. 71-4 PRESCRIBED QUESTIONS. Before the candidate may enter the lodge for initiation, he shall plainly and unequivocally give his oral assent to these three questions:

1. "Do you seriously declare upon your honor that, unbiased by friends and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, you freely and voluntarily offer yourself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry?"
2. "Do you seriously declare upon your honor that you are prompted to solicit the privileges of Masonry by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish to be serviceable to your fellow creatures?"
3. "Do you seriously declare upon your honor that you will cheerfully conform to all the ancient established usages and customs of the Fraternity?"
4. And he shall answer the following question: "Have you ever petitioned any other lodge and been rejected by it?"

REG. 71-5 DISQUALIFICATION AFTER ELECTION. If a petitioner elected to receive the degrees becomes mentally, physically, or otherwise disqualified before initiation he shall not be initiated. [67-4.7].

REG. 71-6 DISCOVERY OF DISABILITY. If during the conferring of the Entered Apprentice degree the Master should discover that the candidate is not physically or mentally qualified for initiation, he shall refuse him further

progress in that degree and report the matter to the Grand Master for his decision.

REG. 71-7 DISABILITY SUBSEQUENT TO INITIATION. If an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft shall suffer a physical impairment after receiving the degree, which could have disqualified him under Regulation 66-1.9 from receiving the first degree, he may be eligible for advancement if and when authorized by the Grand Master. He is not eligible for advancement if he becomes mentally disqualified. [50-5.6; 73-7; 73-10; 75-18].

REG. 71-8 EXAMINATION REQUIRED. Before either the second or third degree is conferred, the brother shall pass a satisfactory examination on the preceding degree as provided by law. [Chapter 72].

REG. 71-9 LEVITY, JOKING, OR JESTING. Levity, joking, or jesting with a candidate as to the degree work or any part of the ritual at any time, or any frivolity, levity, or roughness in conferring any degrees is strictly prohibited.

1. The Master of the lodge shall be diligent in enforcing this law and he may be removed from office for his failure to do so.
2. The first offence will subject the lodge to a severe reprimand.
3. On the first offense the District Deputy Grand Master shall make special inquiry and investigation into any such practices in his district and shall promptly act to correct the same.
4. If the District Deputy Grand Master fails to correct the practices he shall promptly report the second offense to the Grand Master.
5. On the third offense the lodge shall be cited by the Grand Master to show cause why its charter should not be arrested.
6. If the District Deputy Grand Master fails to perform the duty herein required of him, the Grand Master shall revoke his commission and take such further action as he deems proper under the circumstances.
7. Any brother at fault in such matters shall be subject to reprimand for the first offense.
8. If he continues to engage in such practice, he may be expelled after due trial.

REG. 71-10 COURTESY WORK. On written request of a lodge having jurisdiction, or its Master and Secretary, any lodge in this state may confer the degrees, or either of them, on a candidate elected by the lodge making the request, identity of the candidate being first fully established. [42-10; 42-13; 59-4.2; 73-10; 43-11; Official Form 37].

1. Official Form No. 37 may be used only as an aid in the identification of a candidate for courtesy work, together with such other inquiry, examination, or evidence as may be necessary for the *positive identification* of the candidate as required, but that Official Form shall not be accepted as final without additional evidence upon which to make the *positive identification*. [42-10; 42-13; 50-2; 50-2.2; 51-1.2; 51-1.2.B; 59-4.2; 43-11].
2. If a lodge in North Carolina having jurisdiction, elects a petitioner to take the degrees and the candidate be temporarily in another state, the North Carolina lodge may through the Grand Secretary request a lodge in such other state to confer the degrees. The request should bear the seal of the lodge and be accompanied by a certificate under seal showing he had been elected to take the degrees—the identity of the candidate being fully established. [42-10; 66-7; Official Form 37].

3. A lodge shall not do courtesy work for another lodge against the objection of one of its members. [50-5.6; 71-7; 73-10].
4. When a lodge does work for and at the request of another lodge, the fee, if any, received from the candidate, shall belong to the lodge electing him, but it may otherwise be disposed of by agreement between the two lodges, but no fee shall be collected from a candidate unless a specific request is made by the lodge asking the courtesy. [64-5].
5. A lodge in this state doing courtesy work for a lodge in another grand jurisdiction shall comply in all respects with the ritual and law of this Grand Lodge except when the requesting jurisdiction shall advise such lodge that it requests a definite waiting period or a ballot between the degrees, in which event the special request shall be observed.
6. When a lodge does work for another lodge at its request, the candidate shall continue to belong to the lodge electing him. [73-10].

REG. 71-11 ONE DEGREE AT A TIME. A lodge cannot confer two degrees at the same time, one in its lodge room and the other elsewhere. One of these communications would not be a lodge but simply a gathering of Masons without warrant or authority to do legal work since a lodge cannot be in two places at the same time.

REG. 71-12 NO SIMULTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS. Two or more lodges having similar work shall not hold simultaneous communications in the same lodge room, each one doing its work separately in part of the degree and jointly in the remainder.

REG. 71-13 WHEN CONFERRED. A lodge may confer any of the three degrees at either a stated communication or an emergent communication called for that purpose.

REG. 71-14 WHERE CONFERRED. A lodge cannot hold a communication for the purpose of conferring degrees or for any other purpose elsewhere than in its territorial jurisdiction except as provided by law. [13-3.8.G; 38-4.1; 38-4.2; 38-5; 42-3; 45-7].

REG. 71-15 WHO MAY CONFER DEGREE. The Master may permit a Master Mason who is proficient, but who may not be an officer or Past Master, to preside and confer a degree or any part thereof, subject to Regulations 45-12.2 and 59-2.16. [24-1.1].

REG. 71-16 DEGREE TEAMS FROM OTHER LODGES. The Master of a lodge may invite the officers or members of a regular lodge in another state to confer the degrees in his lodge, but not without a dispensation of the Grand Master as provided in Regulation 24-1.6. No dispensation is required to invite the officers or members of a lodge within this state. This regulation shall not be used by lodge that becomes incapable of doing its own degree work. [71-23; 38-1, 87-14; 43-11].

REG. 71-17 LABOR TO REFRESHMENT. At an emergent communication called in the afternoon, a lodge may confer part of a degree, call off for refreshment, and complete the degree in the evening. If in the same evening a stated communication is to be held, the work commenced at the emergent

communication in the afternoon must be completed before the close of the stated communication. [45-2.4].

REG. 71-18 EMERGENCY. When the work of conferring a degree is interrupted by a sudden illness of the candidate or by other unavoidable cause, it is the prerogative of the Master, in the exercise of which he is accountable only to the Grand Master, to determine when such an emergency exists and to complete the work at a subsequent communication. [71-21; 74-3].

REG. 71-19 CANDIDATE REFUSES TO PROCEED. If a candidate refuses to proceed further and on his demand is taken from the lodge room, and later asks to proceed, it is the prerogative of the Master to finish the work he has commenced, even against the objection of a member of the lodge, unless charges are preferred or the candidate is in default as set forth in Chapter 73.

REG. 71-20 CANDIDATE ADVANCED WHEN PROFICIENT. An Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft not in default may be advanced when proficient, but no particular time must elapse between the degrees, except as provided in Regulation 71-22. [Chapter 73].

REG. 71-21 MAXIMUM OF FIVE CANDIDATES. A lodge may confer a degree but once on the same day, but it may confer each of the three degrees once on the same day.A lodge may confer a degree on not more than five candidates at the same communication, but each candidate shall be admitted separately in the First Degree, and shall be raised separately. The lecture and charge of a degree may be given to any number of candidates collectively but only on the day the degree is conferred. [45-10; 71-18].

REG. 71-22 RECEIVE ONLY ONE DEGREE PER DAY. No candidate shall receive the Degree of Entered Apprentice on the same day or at the same communication at which he is elected, nor within twelve hours after his election. No candidate shall receive more than one degree on the same day. [71-2; 71-20; 74-1.3].

REG. 71-23 AUTHORIZED WORK AND REGALIA. No part of the Work shall be omitted, abridged, or shortened except as authorized by the Grand Lodge. No ritual or ceremonial may be used except that approved by the Grand Lodge, or as authorized in Regulation 24-1.6. No robes or regalia shall be used in conferring the Symbolic degrees unless approved by the Board of Custodians, and such approval may be revoked or changed by said board. [71-16].

REG. 71-24 ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIRED. The Grand Lodge shall not, nor shall any subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction, confer degrees, conduct Masonic ceremonies, transact business, or record proceedings, in any other than the English language. [66-1.7].

REG. 71-25 WHEN DEGREE COMPLETED. A degree shall not be complete until every section has been conferred, the lecture given in full, and the charge delivered.

CHAPTER 72

Proficiency

REG. 72-1 DEFINED. The term *proficiency* as used in connection with advancement of candidates, means the ability satisfactorily to answer the questions in the catechism of the degree on which the brother is examined, as shown in the Official Standard of the Work, subject to the provisions of Regulation 72-2.3.

REG. 72-2 CANDIDATE MUST PASS PROFICIENCY. Before a candidate can be advanced to a higher degree, he shall be examined, as to his Proficiency in the degree last taken, in open lodge at a stated or emergent communication, labor being dispensed with if the lodge is open on a degree higher than that on which the candidate is being examined. The examination shall be conducted so that it can be heard by the brethren present. [45-16; 59-3.1; 71-8; 72-2.8; 73-8].

1. Two or more candidates for the same degree may be examined at the same time as a class.
2. The examination may be held in any regular lodge.
3. When several candidates are examined at the same time and the Master is satisfied they are proficient, they may be permitted to answer the questions alternately.
4. Each candidate shall separately give the obligations in full.
5. Proficiency in any degree shall be declared satisfactory only by the Master.
6. A candidate who has been declared not proficient may be reexamined at any stated or emergent communication *subject* to the provisions of Chapter 73 relating to candidates in default. [71-8].
7. Neither the Master nor the Grand Master shall have authority to waive the examination of a candidate in open lodge. [13-4.9].
8. A candidate shall not be examined in the ante room.

CHAPTER 73

Advancement and Default

REG. 73-1 ONE BALLOT SUFFICIENT. The ballot taken on a petitioner for the degrees shall be for him to become a Master Mason and a member of the lodge receiving his petition if elected except in the case of a subsequent objection or default. [65-5; ; 71-5; 71-6; 71-7].

REG. 73-2 ADVANCEMENT WITHIN SIX MONTHS. If an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft seeks advancement within six months after his initiation or passing, as the case may be, no formal application is necessary. He may present himself for advancement to the Master or at any communication of the lodge. If he is adjudged proficient, he should be advanced at a time convenient to the Master and himself.

REG. 73-3 OBJECTION TO INITIATION. At any time before the degree of Entered Apprentice is conferred on an elected petitioner, any member of the lodge, present in open lodge may request another ballot on the petition.

1. The ballot shall be taken at the next stated communication of the lodge and shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of THE CODE for balloting on petitions for degrees.
2. The advancement of the petitioner is stayed until the ballot is taken. [59-2.15; 59-3.3; 68-1; 68-2;].
3. If the ballot is unfavorable, the petitioner is rejected.
4. If the ballot is favorable, the petitioner will stand in the same relation to the lodge as he did before it was taken.
5. The member making such request shall not be required to assign his reasons therefor, nor shall the name of any member be recorded in the minutes as having made the request. [13-4.10; 59-3.5].
6. The Secretary shall enter as the record in such a case, "A proper request was made in open lodge for a ballot on Mr. _____, a petitioner for the degrees heretofore elected. This was continued to the next stated communication held by this lodge when the ballot will be taken as required by THE CODE."
7. The request for another ballot under this regulation cannot be withdrawn after the close of the communication at which it is made.

REG. 73-4 OBJECTION TO ADVANCEMENT. After a candidate has been initiated as an Entered Apprentice, an objection to his advancement to the degrees of Fellow Craft or Master Mason shall be only on charges of unmasonic conduct. [See also Regulation 71-7].

1. If charges are preferred against an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft, his advancement shall thereby be stayed pending trial of such charges.
2. If a member of the lodge objects to the passing or raising of a candidate, he shall state in open lodge or in writing at any time before the degree is given that he objects to the passing or raising of the candidate, and that he intends to prefer charges.
3. The charges must be filed with the Secretary of the lodge within ten days after the date of the objection.
4. If the charges are not filed within ten days, then the candidate may be advanced as if no objection had been made.

5. If the charges are filed within ten days, they shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary as provided for in the Trial Code. [91-3].
   A. If on trial of the charges the brother is found not guilty, he may be advanced as though no charges had been preferred.
   B. If the brother is found guilty and suspended or expelled, he may be advanced after reinstatement. Punishment by reprimand only shall not operate to stay advancement after the reprimand has been imposed. [74-5.9; 101-3].
   C. In the event of trial as provided in this regulation, the provisions of Regulation 73-6 shall not begin to operate until the date of acquittal, or reinstatement, or reprimand, as the case may be. [73-7].

REG. 73-5 MILITARY SERVICE. If an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft fails to present himself prepared for advancement because of absence in any branch of the armed services of the United States he may present himself for advancement within six months after his discharge from such service.

REG. 73-6 DEFAULT. If an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft fails to present himself prepared for advancement within six months after initiation or passing, he must apply in writing to the lodge for advancement.

1. His application shall be presented at a stated communication.
2. It shall not be acted upon within one lunar month at a subsequent stated communication. An application for advancement shall not be sent to the Grand Secretary, nor shall it require recommendation or a Committee of Investigation.
   A unanimous affirmative secret ballot shall be required on the application to elect for advancement.
4. Rejection shall not bar a renewal of the application after three months from the date of rejection.
   A. A candidate who has been denied advancement upon his application therefor shall not be in good standing, nor shall he be instructed in the work or visit a lodge until he has been elected for advancement on a subsequent application. [42-13; 45-3.4.D; 50-2; 59-2.12; 68-1; 73-4.2; 73-4.5.C; 73-5; 73-7; 73-8; 87-7; 101-3; Official Form 22].
   B. An application for advancement cannot be withdrawn or returned, but it must go to the ballot.
5. An applicant for advancement shall have the same moral qualifications as a petitioner for the degrees. [66-1.1; 66-1.4; 66-1.11; 66-1.12].

REG. 73-7 PREVENTED FROM ADVANCEMENT. A candidate shall not be in default if he presents himself for initiation or for advancement after being initiated or passed but is prevented from receiving the degree by the objection of a member, by charges preferred against him, by the action of the Master, or the inability of the lodge to confer the degree on him. [49-10.1; 71-7; 73-4.5.C].

REG. 73-8 REEXAMINATION REQUIRED. A candidate who has been examined for advancement and found to be proficient, but who is not advanced for any reason within one year after that examination, is not in default but he cannot be advanced until he again shows proficiency by examination in open lodge as required in the first instance. No application or ballot shall be required in such a case, and he shall be entitled to the privileges of the highest degree he has attained. [72-2; 73-6].

REG. 73-9 UNFINISHED WORK DROPPED. Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who have not advanced shall be carried on the books of the lodge and reported to the Grand Secretary on two consecutive annual returns, after which they may be dropped from the annual returns.

REG. 73-10 OBJECTION TO COURTESY WORK. No lodge as a courtesy for another lodge should confer a degree on a candidate who would not be admitted to membership in the lodge which is doing the work, nor on a candidate which it has reason to believe is unworthy to be advanced or raised.

1. Any member of the lodge doing the work may object to the advancement of any such candidate without stating his reasons therefor
2. No further action shall be taken except to notify the lodge making the request that such candidate cannot be advanced because of objection.
   A. No ballot shall be taken in the lodge requested to do the work.
   B. The lodge making the request should be advised promptly that it may act as it deems proper. [50-5.6; 71-7; 71-10.3; 43-11; Chapters 71; 74].

CHAPTER 74

Masonic Status

REG. 74-1 IRREGULARLY INITIATED OR ADVANCED. A candidate who has been irregularly initiated or advanced in a legally constituted lodge through no fault of his own shall be a Mason in good standing in the degree he has attained, and he shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits of such degree, *except*, as otherwise provided by law, but only if and when authorized by the Grand Master. [45-8; 45-3.1; 45-4; 68-7.1; 71-2; 71-19; 71-22; 74-1.3; 87-3; 87-6].

1. A candidate who has been elected and initiated or passed or raised before it is discovered that he had not resided in the jurisdiction of the lodge the required time shall, nevertheless, be an Entered Apprentice, a Fellow Craft, or a Master Mason, as the case may be.
2. A candidate to whose advancement objection has been made but which objection was not made known to the Master who advanced him shall not be penalized for the default of another and he shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits of the highest degree he has received.
3. Any penalty for irregular work shall be applied to the brother or brethren at fault. [41-11.4; 71-2; 71-22; 75-11.1].

REG. 74-2 STATUS. Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts are Masons of their respective degrees but shall not be permitted to participate in nor to receive Masonic burial, nor shall they be subject to dues. They are not members of the lodge. [63-4; 65-4; 75-7; 76-2.1; 91-4].

REG. 74-3 INTERRUPTED WORK. If the work of conferring a degree upon a candidate is interrupted for any reason and remains incomplete at the close of the communication he shall not be entitled to the rights and benefits of the degree. [71-18].

REG. 74-4 CANDIDATES OF DEFUNCT LODGES. The status of a candidate of a lodge whose charter has been surrendered, arrested, or revoked shall be that of a non-affiliated Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, as the case may be. He may petition and receive the degrees in any lodge where he establishes a residence, either within or without the state, and evidence of surrender of the charter and his initiation may be furnished by the Grand Secretary, as provided in Regulation 49-10.1. [39-13].

REG. 74-5 STATUS OF MASONS. Status of Masons shall be as follows.

1. A Mason shall be in good standing until charges for unmasonic conduct have been served on him or until he has been duly demitted, excluded suspended, or expelled. [50-1; 87-5; 90-4].
2. A Mason against whom charges have been preferred shall be deemed innocent, and he may attend the lodge of which he is a member until he shall have been found guilty.
3. A Mason against whom charges have been preferred shall not be appointed or elected to office, nor installed in any office, nor demitted, nor be buried with Masonic ceremonies while the charges are pending. [50-1; 53-2.4; 55-5; 82-2; 82-2.5; 90-4].

4. A Mason who has been suspended for a definite period of time shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in his lodge at the expiration of the time without action by the Grand Lodge or the lodge. He shall not be subject to dues during the time he is suspended. [77-10; 101-2].
5. The reversal of a judgment of suspension or expulsion by the Grand Lodge or a termination of a judgment of suspension by the Grand Lodge shall restore the accused to membership in his lodge without further action by the lodge. [98-11; 100-5; 101-1; 101-8].
6. If restoration of an expelled Mason is made by the Grand Lodge, he shall not thereby be restored to membership in his lodge, but shall become a nonaffiliated Mason. [98-11; 100-5; 101; 101-3; 101-7; 101-8].
7. The members of a defunct lodge who are not in arrears for dues shall be nonaffiliated Masons.
8. The members of a defunct lodge who are in arrears are excluded Masons. Such excluded Masons shall be nonaffiliated Masons upon paying to the Grand Secretary such arrears as may be required by law and obtaining a Grand Lodge demit. [49-4; 49-4.1].
9. Restoration of an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft shall be to the same status in his lodge that he had before he was suspended or expelled, or as provided in Regulation 101-3.1.

REG. 74-6 NONAFFILIATED AND EXCLUDED. The status of nonaffiliated and excluded Masons shall be as follows.

1. The status of an excluded Mason shall be the same as that of a nonaffiliated Mason.
2. Nonaffiliated and excluded Masons shall not be in good standing, and they shall have no rights except to apply for restoration to membership.
3. They shall not be subject to dues while nonaffiliated. [77-10].
4. They shall be subject to all Masonic obligations except those which are due to the lodge. [76-10; 74-7].
5. A brother who was not affiliated and in good standing in some regular lodge at the time of his death shall not be entitled to Masonic burial. If a Mason is not affiliated, it matters not from what cause, Masonic obligations to him shall not be in effect until he shall regain his good standing. If he should die without having done so, that is a misfortune not caused by the Fraternity. [77-6; 77-6.1; 82-2.5; 82-2.4].

REG. 74-7 UNAFFILIATED AND NONAFFILIATED. This Grand Lodge does not recognize any distinction between the terms unaffiliated and nonaffiliated. If a Master Mason is not a member of a regular subordinate lodge, he is a nonaffiliated and is not entitled to any of the rights, benefits, or privileges of Masonry. His only right shall be to apply for restoration in a regular subordinate lodge. He shall not visit a subordinate lodge in this state although he holds a proper demit. [74-6; 74-8; 76-10].

REG. 74-8 RELATIVES. The wife of a Master Mason in good standing who shall have obtained an absolute divorce shall not have any claim on a lodge for assistance. [76-10; 74-7].

1. The widow of a Master Mason who marries a profane shall not thereafter be entitled to Masonic relief as being also the widow of a prior husband who was a Master Mason.

2. The mother, sister or daughter of a Master Mason loses her Masonic claim for assistance immediately upon becoming, and so long as she remains, the wife of a profane. She lost that claim when she married a profane.
3. A widow whose deceased husband was a profane, and whose father, brother or son is, or was at the time of his death, a Master Mason in good standing, may be entitled to Masonic relief as being the daughter, sister or mother of a Master Mason, so long as she is not the wife of a profane.
4. If the widow of a Mason marries, his child shall not lose its Masonic claim.
5. The widows and children of nonaffiliated Masons shall have no Masonic claims.
6. A legally adopted child of a deceased Master Mason is entitled to the same benefits as if a natural child.
7. Unless disqualified as set forth in this regulation, the wife, widow, mother, sister, or daughter of a Master Mason shall be entitled to assistance and shall be permitted to wear Masonic emblems.

REG. 74-9 WIDOW OR ORPHANS CERTIFICATE. Upon the written request of a widow, or a child or children under eighteen years of age, of a deceased brother who was a member of a lodge in this state at the time of his death, a lodge may issue to each of such applicants a certificate over the seal of the lodge signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary certifying to the membership of such brother in the lodge. [74-8; Official Form 33).

REG. 74-10 PREJUDICIAL REPORTS. Reports prejudicial to the character of a brother being in circulation, it is the duty of his lodge to investigate them whether the brother requests an investigation or not.

1. A petition of a brother to have charges injurious to his character investigated by his lodge should most certainly be granted and the committee should in justice to him make a thorough investigation and report to the lodge.
2. The Grand Master, in his discretion, with or without a request of a brother, and when he deems it to be for the best interest of the brother or for the good of Masonry, may make, or cause to be made, an investigation of reports prejudicial to the character of the brother and to take such action thereon as the facts justify. [13-2.14; 13-2.15].

CHAPTER 75

Affiliation

REG. 75-1 RIGHT TO APPLY FOR AFFILIATION. The right of every Master Mason in good standing to apply for membership in any regular lodge of his choice, wherever it may be located, shall be absolute. An application for affiliation may be received by a lodge regardless of the *period* or *place* of residence, whether in or outside of North Carolina, of the applicant at the time the application is filed. [42-12; 68-7; 75-1; 76-3.6].

1. The right shall not apply to one who is insane.
2. The right shall not apply to one who is barred by any provision of THE CODE from obtaining a demit.
3. The right shall not apply to one who is under charges for unmasonic conduct.
4. The right shall not apply to one whose application for affiliation has been rejected within six months by any lodge. [39-2.5; 39-3, 39-9].
5. The right shall not apply to a person who presents a demit from a lodge under the jurisdiction of a grand lodge which this Grand Lodge does not recognize. Such a person must renounce his membership in his former lodge, Official Form 40, and then petition for the degrees only as a profane. [66-6; 87-1; 87-3].

REG. 75-2 AVOUCHMENT. The applicant shall comply with Chapter 51 as to avouchment. Should the lodge elect to membership one who presented an application for affiliation accompanied by any form of certificate under seal of a lodge, and thereafter on attending lodge he fails to pass a satisfactory examination, such lodge was negligent in electing him to membership before he was proven to be a Mason. He is not entitled to a sit in the lodge until he has been vouched for. [75-8].

REG. 75-3 METHODS OF AFFILIATION. The following shall be the methods of affiliation:

1. By signing a petition for the formation of a new lodge, [Chapter 39]
2. By absolute demit, [Chapter 76]
3. By transfer of membership, maintaining continuous membership, and
4. By establishing dual membership in a North Carolina lodge and a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction.

REG. 75-4 MANNER OF APPLICATION. An application for affiliation shall be

1. Made in writing on the form designated Official Form 17, which is hereby made a part of this regulation and shall not be substantively amended except in the same manner as any other part of THE CODE, [Official Form 17]
2. Be addressed to the lodge in which the applicant desires membership, and
3. Signed by the petitioner with his full name in his own handwriting.

REG. 75-5 CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING. A Master Mason, who is a member of a chartered North Carolina lodge whose dues are paid to December thirty-first of the current year, or to December thirty-first of the next

succeeding year but for not less than two calendar months in advance, may receive from the Secretary of the lodge of which he is a member a Certificate of Good Standing in the lodge on N.C. Official Form No. 9. No action by the lodge shall be necessary to authorize the Secretary to issue such a certificate.

1. A certificate of good standing shall be in the prescribed form and shall bear the seal of the issuing lodge and shall be good until the date of its expiration as therein noted and no longer. [Official Form 9].
2. A certificate of good standing shall not be issued to a member deprived of the right to affiliate under Regulation 75-1.1, 75-1.2, or 75-1.3.

REG. 75-6 NONAFFILIATED MASTER MASON. The application for affiliation of a nonaffiliated Master Mason shall be accompanied by one of the following;

1. A demit or properly certified evidence of his demission from the lodge of which he was last a member, or
2. If the lodge of which he was last a member is defunct and his demit is lost, a certified record from the Grand Lodge having custody of the records of the lodge granting the demit. [49-4.5; 49-6; 76-8].
3. Where written evidence is not obtainable, other evidence may be accepted, but such other evidence shall not be deemed satisfactory until it shall have been submitted to the Grand Master and approved by him.
4. If the demit is from another grand jurisdiction, it must contain the certificate of the Grand Secretary of such jurisdiction under the seal of the Grand Lodge to the effect that the lodge granting it is, or was at the time, a regularly constituted lodge. [87-1].

REG. 75-7 BALLOT AND RECOMMENDERS. The application of a Mason for affiliation shall be recommended and signed by at least two members of the lodge to which the same is presented, and it shall require a unanimously favorable secret ballot to elect to membership. [74-2; Chapter 68].

REG. 75-8 RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION. No application for affiliation shall be received except at a stated communication, and not then unless the applicant shall have satisfied the Master that he is a Master Mason by the methods required for visitation. [42-12; 45-3.4.C; 75-2; 75-9; 76-3.6; Chapter 51].

1. The Master without any action by the lodge shall refer it to a Committee of Investigation for investigation and report.
2. If an applicant for affiliation shall die or become insane before he is elected, no further action shall be taken except to note the fact in the minutes of the lodge, which action will end the proceedings. [59-2.12; 67-3.1; 68-2; 75-8; 75-11.1; 75-11.2, 75-11.3, 75-11.4, 75-11.5].
3. An applicant for affiliation shall have the same moral qualifications as a petitioner for the degrees. [66-1.1; 66-1.4; 66-1.11; 66-1.12].

REG. 75-9 COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION. A Committee of Investigation on an application for affiliation shall ascertain if the applicant is a Master Mason and is in good standing, or a Master Mason with a proper demit, before recommending favorable action on the applicant. [75-8].

1. Chapter 67, as far as it may apply, shall govern the appointment, duties, and report of the committee, and the procedure thereon except as to the physical qualifications and the territorial jurisdiction of the applicant.

2. The committee shall consider not only the moral qualifications of the applicant and the fact that he is a Master Mason but also the authenticity of his demit.

REG. 75-10 APPLICATION - GRAND SECRETARY. When an application for affiliation is received by a lodge the Secretary shall, within five days after presenting to and reading same in open lodge, forward the original application and all documents supporting the same to the Grand Secretary who shall attach thereto such record and information with respect to the petitioner as he may possess, and the Grand Secretary shall return the same with his record, within five days from its receipt by him, to the Secretary of the subordinate lodge. [59-12.19; Official Form 49].

REG. 75-11 BALLOT. When the report of the Committee of Investigation is filed, either favorable or unfavorable, the application shall be submitted to a secret ballot in all respects as provided in Chapter 68, as far as it can be made applicable to applications for affiliation. [68-3.15; 75-1.4].

1. No lodge shall ballot on any application for affiliation,
   A. Until the report of the Grand Secretary and of the Committee of Investigation thereon has been received by it, and
   B. Within twenty-eight days from the date it is received by the lodge.
2. A ballot taken in violation of Regulation 75-11.1 is illegal and void, and another ballot should be spread at a subsequent stated communication, but not until authorized by the Grand Master.
3. A new application is not required.
4. No ballot shall be taken on any applicant for affiliation within six months after he has been rejected in a regular lodge and then only on a new application.
5. The penalty for violation of this regulation shall be such as the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge may inflict. [59-4.1; 68-1; 74-1.3; 75-11.2, 75-11.3, 75-11.4, 75-11.5].

REG. 75-12 WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION. By unanimous consent of the lodge, which does not require a secret ballot, an application for affiliation may be withdrawn by the applicant at any time before the report of the Committee of Investigation, but not after the ballot. [75-16.3; 75-14.1].

REG. 75-13 FEE FOR AFFILIATION. A fee may be charged in any subordinate lodge for affiliation, but only if it is stated in its by-laws. [39-11; 44-7 (Art.11:1)].

REG. 75-14 ACTION ON ELECTION. When any applicant is elected to membership, his demit shall be canceled, filed, and the lodge or Grand Lodge granting it shall be notified of the affiliation. [75-14.1].

1. If an application for affiliation is withdrawn or denied, the evidence of affiliation or nonaffiliation shall be returned.
2. If an application for affiliation is granted, the evidence shall be canceled and filed with the application. [75-3.2; 75-3.3; 75-14; 75-12; 75-16.1.D; 75-16.1.G].

REG. 75-15 MEMBER OF NORTH CAROLINA LODGE. A Master Mason, who is a member of a chartered North Carolina lodge may file an application

for affiliation with another North Carolina lodge supported by either a certificate of good standing issued pursuant to Regulation 75-5 or a dues receipt card, showing dues paid at least two calendar months in advance.

1. If he is elected on his application or if such new lodge is instituted on or before the expiration date named in the Certificate of Good Standing, he thereby and on the date of such election or such institution shall become a member of the lodge electing him or the lodge under dispensation, as the case may be, notwithstanding that the lodge issuing the Certificate of Good Standing may have become dormant or defunct *after* the date of the certificate.
2. The Secretary of the lodge electing him or of the new lodge shall immediately certify the fact of such election or such membership, with the date thereof, to the Grand Secretary who will make his record thereof and then send the certificate of election to the lodge issuing the Certificate of Good Standing with instructions that the applicant shall be dropped from the roll of membership of the lodge and that his membership therein is terminated as of the date of election or institution, as the case may be, in the same manner as if by demit bearing that date.
3. In the event the lodge issuing the said certificate is dormant or defunct on the date he is elected on his application or the new lodge is instituted, then the Grand Secretary shall make the records required for the purpose of completing the transfer of membership under said certificate.
4. If the applicant is rejected, the Certificate of Good Standing shall be returned to him. [39-9; 39-3, 39-11; 49-2.1; 57-5.3; 75-3.3; 75-14.1; 76-3.3; 76-11.1; 76-1.3; 76-13; 77-2.5; 77-2.3; 77-10; 87-7; Chapters 75 and 76; Official Forms 9, 10, 11].

REG. 75-16 MEMBER OF ANOTHER GRAND JURISDICTION. A Master Mason belonging to a lodge located *outside* of North Carolina who wishes to affiliate with a North Carolina lodge and maintain continuously affiliation, shall proceed by one of the following methods.

1. He may file his Application for Affiliation accompanied by a written request or application to his lodge for a demit.
   A. He shall attach to his application a dues card, or a certificate of good standing under seal of the lodge of which he is a member showing that he is under no charges and that his dues are paid for not less than four months in advance of the date of his application for affiliation together with his request or application for a demit.
   B. He must be elected to membership in the lodge to which he has made application within ninety days after the date of his application for affiliation.
   C. The Secretary of that lodge shall immediately certify the election of the applicant on the proper form. [Official Form 12].
   D. The Grand Secretary will make his record and then send the request or application for the demit to the lodge from which the brother wishes to withdraw through the Grand Secretary of the proper jurisdiction, requesting that the demit be issued to consummate the membership, and that it be returned through his office.
   E. When the demit is received by the Grand Secretary, he will complete his record and forward the demit to the lodge electing the applicant to membership.
   F. The brother shall become a member of that lodge as of even date with

the date of the demit, and the certificate of demit shall be canceled and filed with the application for affiliation. [75-14.1; Official Form 13].

G. If the applicant is rejected, or if he is not elected within the ninety days set forth in Subdivision 75-16.1.B above, his application shall be void and the receipt or certificate of good standing and the request or application for demit shall be returned to him. [75-14.1].

2. He may file his Application for Affiliation accompanied by a *provisional* demit, a *conditional* demit, or a certificate of good standing issued by or under the authority of, and under the seal of a regular lodge under *another* recognized Grand lodge.
   A. The conditional demit or certificate of good standing, shall provide on its face, that it is valid not less than four months from the date of the application for affiliation.
   B. The conditional demit or certificate of good standing, shall provide on its face, that it becomes an absolute demit immediately and automatically upon the election of the applicant to membership prior to the date of expiration shown in said demit or in said certificate.
   C. If the applicant is elected before the date the conditional demit or certificate expires, the applicant shall become a member of the lodge electing him as of the date of his election.
      (1) On his election the demit or certificate shall be canceled and filed.
      (2) A report thereof shall be made to our Grand Secretary within five days on Official Form No. 65.
      (3) The Grand Secretary shall promptly report the election to the grand lodge under whose authority the said conditional demit or certificate was issued. [75-14.1; 87-18; Official Form 66].
   D. If the applicant is rejected, the demit or certificate shall be returned to him promptly by the Secretary.
3. After a brother has applied to a lodge for affiliation under this Regulation and has been elected prior to demission, he may not withdraw his application for affiliation, even though his demit has not yet been granted. [75-12].

REG. 75-17 DUAL MEMBERSHIP. Except on the formation of a new lodge, no lodge shall admit to membership any brother who is a member of another lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.

1. A member of a lodge, in this Grand Jurisdiction, or a member of a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction which does not forbid dual membership, may sign a petition for a dispensation to form a new lodge, and may become a member thereof at the time the said new lodge is instituted without having to relinquish his membership in his mother lodge. [81-1; 86-2.49].
2. A member of a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction which does not forbid dual membership may affiliate with a lodge in North Carolina without having to relinquish his membership in his mother lodge.
3. A member of a lodge in North Carolina may request a Certificate of Masonic Status for the purpose of transferring his membership to a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction on a continuous membership basis, or for applying for dual membership in a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction which does not forbid dual membership.
4. Dual membership means membership in only two lodges. Plural membership means membership in more than two lodges. Plural membership is prohibited.

REG. 75-18 UNFINISHED MATERIAL. The lodges of many grand jurisdictions issue demits to Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts. When any petitioner for advancement shall present with his petition a demit, issued by a lodge of a grand jurisdiction with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal relation and properly certified by the Grand Secretary of that grand lodge, upon due proof of the identity of petitioner, the lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction shall recognize said demit and may entertain his petition for the remaining degree or degrees in said lodge.

1. The lodge shall remit no part of the fees fixed in its by-laws for the three degrees and shall pay to the Grand Lodge the fee required on initiates and for charity as provided in Regulation 20-1.
2. Any such petition shall take the same course prescribed by law for petitions for degrees, except that Regulation 71-7 will apply as to his physical qualifications. [49-10.1; 76-2.1; Chapters 68; 73; 74].

REG. 75-19 IMPROPER AFFILIATION. A lodge improperly receiving an affiliate without demit, or proper lawful evidence of nonaffiliation, except as in Regulations 75-16 and 75-15, shall be liable for his dues and also subject to such punishment as the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge may determine.

CHAPTER 76

Demits

REG. 76-1 DEFINED. To demit is to withdraw from a lodge. A demit shall sever the relationship between the lodge and the member absolutely. [76-9; 76-1; 76-8; 87-18; Official Form 35-A, 36].

1. No lodge in this state shall issue a provisional or conditional demit, but it may issue a Certificate of Good Standing on N.C. Official Form 9 to a member who wishes to transfer to another lodge in this state. [75-15; 87-18]
2. A member of a lodge in this state may request a Certificate of Masonic Status for transfer to a lodge in another state. The lodge Secretary shall notify the Grand Secretary of the request and shall furnish the name of the said member, the name, number and location of the lodge to which he wishes to transfer, and the date to which dues have been paid. The Grand Secretary will issue the certificate on N.C. Official Form 35-A and will notify the Secretary after the election in the other lodge.
3. An absolute demit shall not become invalid by lapse of time; but a certificate of good standing shall be void after the date therein specified. [68-8.2; 75-15].
4. Neither a Certificate of Good Standing, nor a Certificate of Masonic Status, nor a demit shall be issued to an Honorary member. [81-4;81-5; Official Form 64).
5. A lodge under dispensation shall have no authority to demit members or to issue certificates of good standing under Regulation 75-15. [39-11].
6. The action of the lodge shall constitute the demission. The certificate of demit is only the evidence thereof and is evidence also that the brother named therein was made a Master Mason and was in good standing at the time it was granted.

REG. 76-2 WHO MAY DEMIT. Every Master Mason in good standing who is a member of a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction and not barred by the provisions of THE CODE is entitled to demit therefrom upon proper application. [76-3.3; 76-11.1; 76-3.6].

1. A Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft is not a member and cannot obtain a demit from a lodge in North Carolina.
2. The certificate of the Grand Secretary issued under Regulation 49-4.6 to an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft of a defunct lodge shall be construed to be a demit. [75-18; 76-3.6].

REG. 76-3 REQUIREMENTS. A member may be granted an absolute demit when the following requirements are met.

1. He shall make a request therefor in writing over his own signature and file same with the Secretary, or he may make an oral request in open lodge for a demit. [Official Form 35].
2. He shall pay all his indebtedness to the lodge which may be unpaid at the time his application is received. If the application is filed with the Secretary after the last stated communication in December and prior to January first, it shall be acted upon at the first stated communication in January without further payment of dues.

3. If the applicant is an officer of the lodge, he must resign his office before making application for any kind of a demit or before signing a petition to organize a new lodge. [39-2.2; 57-5.3; 75-15].
4. There must be no charges of unmasonic conduct filed or pending against the applicant. [91-9.3].
   A. A lodge should not grant a demit to one known to be unworthy but should immediately prefer charges against such brother.
   B. For knowingly issuing a demit to an unworthy member a lodge shall be liable to arrest of its charter. [59-2.27; 76-6.1].
5. A past officer shall not be entitled to a demit on the payment of his dues while he is a debtor to the lodge for moneys received by him as an officer.
6. An insane brother shall not be granted a demit. [49-4.4; 75-1; 75-8; 76-2; 76-2.1; 76-3.7].
7. A demit shall not be refused by a lodge to a member who is not disqualified under any subsection of this Regulation and has made the proper request therefor. [43-3.17; 76-12;76-3.5; 76-3.6].

REG. 76-4 GRANTED BY ORDER OF THE MASTER. Each request for an absolute demit whether written or oral must be presented to the lodge at a stated communication, and if it appears that all requirements have been met, such request shall be granted, by order of the Master entered of record, without vote of the lodge, and the Secretary shall issue to the applicant a certificate thereof under seal of the lodge.

1. The order of the Master, when made and entered of record, cannot be revoked nor reconsidered. The action of the Master may be reconsidered before the close of the communication at which a demit is granted.
2. From the close of the communication the membership of the applicant ceases.
3. A request for a demit may be withdrawn only by the applicant and before action is taken thereon as herein provided. [45-3.4.F; 59-12.19.G; 76-3.7; 76-5; Official Forms 35, 36].

REG. 76-5 CERTIFICATE OF DEMIT ISSUED. A certificate of absolute demit, when ordered by the lodge shall be issued by the Secretary and signed by him under the seal of the lodge, and it shall bear the date the lodge acted to grant it. [76-4].

1. All certificates of demit granted and issued by lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be sent to the Grand Secretary's office for certification and forwarding to the demitted brother.
   A. The Secretary shall furnish the Grand Secretary the last known mailing address of the applicant.
   B. If a lodge issues an absolute demit to a brother holding dual membership in a Lodge in North Carolina, such demit shall be held in the office of the Grand Secretary, however, in the event he requests demits from *both* lodges in which he holds dual membership, he may request one demit be returned to him. [52-5.3].
2. The minutes of the lodge at the next stated communication shall bear record of mailing of the demit to the Grand Secretary, and the date thereof.

REG. 76-6 CHARGES OF UNMASONIC CONDUCT. If charges of unmasonic conduct are pending, they shall take the course provided by law, and if on trial of the same the accused is acquitted, or convicted, punished with a reprimand

only, then at the first stated communication after acquittal or reprimand demit shall be issued as provided in Regulation 76-4.

1. The granting of a demit shall not divest the lodge granting it, or any Master Mason, of authority to prefer charges against a demitted brother for offenses committed prior to his demission.
2. The usual statement in a certificate of demission that the brother is in good standing shall mean only that he is neither excluded, suspended, expelled, nor then under charges for unmasonic conduct.
   A. It shall not mean that he is not liable to charges. [76-3.4.A; 87-5; 90-8;].
   B. The same shall apply to a certificate of good standing issued under Regulation 75-15.

REG. 76-7 CONTENTS OF CERTIFICATE. On all certificates of demit issued by a lodge there shall appear the brother's Masonic record if such information is available as follows:

1. His full name,
2. The place and date of his birth,
3. The dates of his initiation, passing, and raising,
4. The dates of any exclusion, suspension, or expulsion,
5. The dates of any restoration to membership and,
6. If he has been the Master or a warden, the dates thereof.

REG. 76-8 LOST CERTIFICATE. A duplicate certificate of demit shall not be issued. A request for a certificate showing that a demit has been issued Official Form 62 may be filed with the Secretary of his former lodge or the Grand Secretary. The Secretary or Grand Secretary shall verify that the demit has been issued. The Secretary or Grand Secretary shall cause Official Form 63 to be issued. [75-6.1; 76-9; 76-1; Official Forms 62, 63].

REG. 76-9 RESTORATION TO MEMBERSHIP. A Mason who has received an absolute demit from his lodge shall not regain membership therein by paying dues. He can do so only by an application for affiliation.

REG. 76-10 RIGHTS OF A NONAFFILIATED MASON. A nonaffiliated Mason shall have no rights or privileges in and his family shall have no claims on, Masonry. [74-6; 74-8; 74-7].

REG. 76-11 MEMBERS OF DEFUNCT LODGES. A demit from a defunct lodge which is not dated but is regular in all other respects will be presumed to have been issued before the lodge became defunct and shall be valid.

1. Demits shall not be issued by the Grand Secretary to members of a lodge whose charter has been arrested and the lodge cited by the Grand Master pending the action of the Grand Lodge.
2. Demits shall not be withheld for the sole reason that the seal and records of a defunct lodge have not been returned to the Grand Secretary *provided,* the status of the brother can be satisfactorily determined by the Grand Secretary without those records. [49-4.1; 49-4.5; 49-4.7; 75-15].

REG. 76-12 VOLUNTARY PLEDGES. If a member shall be in arrears on an alleged assessment or on a voluntary pledge to a fund raised for a special purpose, such as a building fund, but has paid his dues, he shall be clear on the

books and shall be entitled to a demit. A lodge shall not charge a withdrawal fee. [43-3.17; 76-3.7]

REG. 76-13 DUES NOT PRO RATED. Dues being payable annually in advance, a member who tenders the pro rata amount which has accrued to the time of his application for a demit shall not be entitled to a demit and the lodge should withhold granting it until the remainder of the year's dues is paid, but the lodge may remit the same.

CHAPTER 77

Dues

REG. 77-1 MINIMUM DUES. Each lodge shall fix in its by-laws and shall collect such annual dues from its membership as may be necessary to enable it to maintain itself and discharge all of its duties and obligations, *provided*, that no lodge shall fix such annual dues at less than twelve dollars. [5-2.2].

REG. 77-2 CHANGES. A lodge may increase or reduce its dues but only by an amendment to its by-laws.

1. Such amendment shall not become effective until January first, next following the date of its approval by the Grand Lodge Committee on By-laws of Subordinate Lodges. [43-10; 44-7(Art. 10, Sec. 1; Art. 24, Sec. 1)].
2. The annual membership dues as provided in the by-laws of the lodge which are in effect on the first day of January in any year shall be the dues payable by each member of the lodge for *that calendar year*.
   A. A brother who becomes a member of a lodge after February first may be charged a pro rata part of a full year's dues. [77-13]
   B. The amount of dues charged a new member for the current year shall be the whole annual dues or pro rata of annual dues, at option of the lodge. [20-1.1].
   C. A brother whose dues for the current year are fully paid and who affiliates with a lodge after January first shall not be required to pay dues to the lodge with which he has affiliated, thus paying dues twice for the same period.
   D. If he had not previously paid dues for the full current year but only for a part thereof, he may be required to pay to the lodge with which he affiliates the proper pro rata part of dues as fixed in its by-laws together with any affiliation fee the lodge may charge. [77-13].
3. If a member pays his dues in advance of the current year, and the lodge shall thereafter increase or decrease its dues, the member shall not be absolved from liability for additional dues for such period and shall pay the same. The lodge shall promptly adjust any overpayment made by him.
4. In the event the dues of a member shall be paid in advance of the current year at the time of his death, demit, or other termination of his membership, such dues shall be refunded by the lodge. [77-2; 77-10; 77-13; 79;).
5. When issuing a certificate of good standing under Regulation 75-15 or a certificate under Regulation 75-16 and if necessary to comply with the requirement therein that dues be paid not less than four months in advance of the date of such certificate, a lodge shall not accept an amount less than the dues for a whole year, unless the difference in such dues is properly cancelled. [87-7; Official Form 9].

REG. 77-3 WHEN DUE. All dues of members to subordinate lodges shall be due and payable annually in advance on January first each year. [77-2; 77-13].

REG. 77-4 ONLY MASTER MASONS PAY DUES. Only Master Masons shall be liable for dues and subject to discipline for nonpayment thereof. The payment of dues is a specific obligation of each member.

REG. 77-5 CANCELLATION OF DUES. A lodge shall have the right to

cancel the dues of an excluded brother and restore him to membership, subject to the provisions of Regulation 78-1, and grant him a demit. The dues of a brother who has been excluded for nonpayment, or who has been suspended or expelled, can be cancelled only by a unanimous vote of the lodge. The Master may require a written ballot. [77-20.3; 78-2.1].

1. The dues of any other member may be cancelled by a majority vote. [77-20.3].
2. Action to cancel dues shall be taken only at a stated communication. [77-5.3].
3. A lodge shall have the right to cancel dues owing by a member, but that will not relieve the lodge from payment of all dues and assessments levied by the Grand Lodge. [77-5].
4. The Grand Master shall not have the power to cancel dues or assessments of the Grand Lodge or dues of a lodge. [7-5; 13-4.12; 13-4.13].

REG. 77-6 NO POSTHUMOUS PAYMENT. A lodge shall not cancel the dues, or receive the same from the family or friends of a dead brother, who died under exclusion for nonpayment of dues, and bury him with Masonic honors. [74-6.5; 77-6.1; 82-2.5].

1. A brother excluded for nonpayment of dues shall not be reinstated after death.
2. When the record of the exclusion shows that the proceeding was a nullity, the fact that the brother died in good standing may be officially declared.
3. If the exclusion occurred more than one year prior to the decease of such brother and no attempt has been made by him to be restored in that length of time, he shall be deemed to have had the full knowledge thereof and to have concurred therein, and the action of the lodge shall not then be declared void. [74-6.5; 77-6; 82-2.5].

REG. 77-7 DUES CARD. All lodges shall use the same form of official receipt *card* as provided for in Chapter 88 and they shall use no other form. [59-12.4].

1. No official receipt *card* shall be issued to any member unless, and until, his dues for the entire year represented by the card issued are *fully* paid, or unless they have been remitted. [77-2.2.A; 77-12].
2. The official receipt card shall not be valid as a certificate or as documentary evidence of membership unless it is signed in his own handwriting by the brother to whom it is issued nor unless the seal of the lodge issuing it is either impressed thereon, or a facsimile thereof is printed or stamped thereon, and the receipt card bears the name of the secretary of said lodge in his own handwriting or a facsimile thereof. [46-2; 51-3; 59-12.4; 88-1].

REG. 77-8 NO OTHER LEVIES OR ASSESSMENTS. A lodge shall not levy or collect an assessment upon its members for any purpose. Funds to purchase real estate, to build or repair a lodge hall, to furnish a lodge room, or to pay debts incurred in any such undertakings may be contributed voluntarily or they shall be collected as dues which may be increased to meet expenditures of this kind. [43-3.17; 85-1].

REG. 77-9 VOLUNTARY PLEDGES ARE NOT DUES. A voluntary pledge to a building fund or toward the liquidation of the fixed charges of a Masonic temple shall not be an assessment, nor shall it be considered dues for the nonpayment of which a brother may be excluded or denied a demit. [85-1].

REG. 77-10 SUSPENDED, EXPELLED, OR EXCLUDED. Lodge dues accrue during membership only. A suspended, expelled, or excluded Mason shall not be liable for dues while he is not affiliated. [74-5.4; 74-6.3; 77-2.3].

REG. 77-11 REVIEW. In general, membership dues shall be a matter within the jurisdiction of the lodge subject to review by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge for any abuse of power.

REG. 77-12 LIFE MEMBERS. A lodge may create life members only as provided for in Chapter 79, and as long as such brother shall be a member, the lodge shall issue the prescribed annual dues receipt card to him as evidence of his continued membership therein and that he has not been suspended or expelled. [50-3; 51-3; 79-3; 79-4].

1. A lodge shall not provide that a member, after paying his dues, or having continuous membership for any number of years, shall be thereby exempt from the further payment of dues. [77-12.2].
2. A lodge shall not issue a life receipt for dues or a life membership in consideration of the payment by a member of a sum of money. [77-11; 79-1; 79].

REG. 77-13 UNIFORM DUES. The annual dues charged by a lodge shall be uniform, each member paying the same amount. In the regulation of dues by way of exemption, cancellation, increase, or reduction, a lodge shall not show preference or favoritism to any class or group of its members, but shall treat all members alike except members in the armed forces of the United States. [49-4.3; 77-2; 77-2.2.A; 77-2.2.C; 77-3; 77-2.3; 77-13; 77-14.2].

REG. 77-14 BROTHER UNABLE TO PAY. A lodge should not exclude a member for nonpayment of dues when his failure to pay dues is wholly on account of his pecuniary inability, but it may do so.

1. Inability to pay does not necessarily mean lack of sufficient funds. It may arise from other causes such as inaccessibility of the brother and his inability to pay as in the case of a brother in the armed services.
2. An insane or mentally incompetent member of a lodge shall not be excluded for nonpayment of dues. No dues shall be charged by a lodge against a member who is in the opinion of the Master and Wardens, insane. [77-14.2; 77-13].
3. The lodge is the determining factor as to what constitutes inability to pay and is the final judge thereof.

REG. 77-15 MASTER NOT EXCLUDED. A Master of a lodge shall not be excluded for nonpayment of dues during his term of office. [59-7].

REG. 77-16 CHANGE OF ADDRESS. It shall be the duty of a member of a lodge to notify the Secretary of his lodge immediately of any change in his mail address. [52-3.10].

REG. 77-17 DELINQUENT MEMBERS, FIRST NOTICE. Any member failing to pay his dues on or before March first each year shall be deemed delinquent, except when his dues are cancelled by the lodge on account of inability to pay. If a check or draft is given in payment of dues and it is returned unpaid, the dues remain unpaid. On or before March first each year the

Secretary shall send to each member of his lodge whose dues are not paid in full, a notice of the total amount then owing.

REG. 77-18 EXCLUSION FOR NONPAYMENT. Exclusion for nonpayment of dues shall be a suspension from all of the rights, privileges, and benefits of Masonry until such time as the brother is restored to membership. A strict compliance with the provisions of Regulation 77-19 is necessary before a lodge may exclude a member for nonpayment of dues. [Chapter 78].

REG. 77-19 OFFICIAL NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY. Between the first and the fifteenth of September each year the Secretary shall forward to each member of the lodge who then owes any amount for dues an Official Notice of Delinquency by first-class mail in a sealed envelope with return address thereon.

1. This notice shall be over the name of the Master and the seal of the lodge, attested by the written signature of the Secretary, and sent to the last known address of the member informing him of the amount of dues then unpaid, and notifying him that unless the same is paid by the first stated communication of the lodge in November next following the date of notice, or unless he shows cause at that stated communication why he should not be excluded for nonpayment of dues, the lodge will at that time take action on his delinquency. [Official Form 23].
2. A certificate of the Secretary to be read and entered on the minutes of the lodge, at the next stated communication following the mailing, to the effect that the provisions of this Regulation have been fully complied with, shall be conclusive thereof, and the lodge shall then have jurisdiction to act as provided in Regulation 77-20. [Official Form 24].
3. Payment in full of the entire amount due by the member on or before the first stated communication in November will satisfy and make void the said notice.
4. If no response is made to the Official Notice of Delinquency, the member shall not for that failure or omission be subject to charges for unmasonic conduct; but the lodge may act as provided in Regulation 77-20. [77-21].

REG. 77-20 ACTION BY THE LODGE, EXCLUSION. At the first stated communication in November each year the Secretary shall report to the lodge the name of each delinquent member who at that time owes any amount for dues together with his certificate to the effect that the provisions of Regulation 77-19 have been fully complied with in respect to each member reported by him.

1. The report and certificate shall be entered on the minutes of the lodge.
2. At the same communication, the lodge shall take action on each delinquent member whose name has been reported by the Secretary.
3. For good cause, of which the lodge shall be the judge, it may cancel all or any part of the dues of any such member as provided for in Regulation 77-5.
4. The lodge may exclude him for nonpayment of dues, subject, however, to the provisions of Regulations 77-15 and 77-14.2. [59-12.10; ; 77-5.2; 77-5.3].
5. After due notice as required in Regulation 77-19 and at the first stated communication in November each year, each subordinate lodge shall take definite action on those of its members who at that time owe the dues for the preceding year plus the dues for the current year, that is those who at

that time owe as much as two years dues, by either cancelling all or any part of the dues of any such member as provided for in Subdivision 77-20.3 of this regulation or by excluding him for nonpayment of dues, *subject, however*, to the provisions of Regulations 77-15 and 77-14.2.

6. The lodge may grant him an extension of time to a definite stated communication in which to pay the dues, *subject, however*, to the provisions of Subdivisions 5 and 6 of this regulation, which time may be extended for such period or periods as the lodge by a majority vote of the members present may determine, but in no event shall an extension be given beyond the *last stated communication* in August in the year next following the date of the Official Notice of Delinquency. The Secretary shall advise the member within five days by first-class mail of each extension granted under this regulation. If the lodge fails to take action on the date of the extension no further action can be taken and the lodge must proceed again under Regulation 77-19.
7. At the expiration of any period of extension granted hereunder the lodge may act as set forth in Subdivisions 77-20.3, , and 77-20.6 of this regulation, *subject* to the limitation of such extensions set forth in said Subdivision 77-20.6, and also subject to the provisions of Subdivisions 77-20.5 and 77-20.8 hereunder.
8. A lodge shall not grant a further extension of time in which to make payment to a member who, at the first stated communication in November, owes the dues for the preceding year plus the dues for the current year.
9. The Secretary shall mail a notice to each member excluded for nonpayment of dues within ten days of such exclusion.
10. A lodge may exclude a member for nonpayment of dues only at a stated communication by a majority vote of the members present and as hereinbefore set forth. [45-3.4].

REG. 77-21 NOT EXPELLED FOR NONPAYMENT. A member shall not be expelled merely for nonpayment of dues, but if a member be able to pay and refuse to do so, he may be expelled, even after having been excluded for nonpayment.

REG. 77-22 EXCLUDED MASON NOT ADMITTED. An excluded Mason shall not be admitted in open lodge. [87-11].

REG. 77-23 LODGE SHOULD GIVE A STATEMENT. A lodge should give a statement of his account when requested by a member. If the lodge claims he is indebted to it, he should be given an opportunity to offer evidence, and a correct record thereof must be kept.

REG. 77-24 MASTER RESPONSIBLE. It is hereby made the duty of the Master of each lodge to see that the law for the collection of dues is observed. For his failure to do so, the Grand Master may remove him from office. [59-2.37].

CHAPTER 78

Restoration after Exclusion

REG. 78-1 PAYMENT WITHIN TWO YEARS. A brother shall automatically be restored to membership, if within two years from the date of his exclusion

1. He pays the amount he owed at the time of his exclusion plus the amount of the dues for the current year, or
2. The lodge by a unanimous vote cancels the same or a part thereof, and
3. If such payment or cancellation shall make him clear on the books, and
4. If he shall not be at that time under any charges.
5. The restoration shall be as of the date of such payment or cancellation. This fact shall be entered on the record and on the minutes of the next stated communication. [74-6; 77-10; 77-5; 101-4].

REG. 78-2 RESTORATION AFTER TWO YEARS. If payment or cancellation of dues is not made in full within two years from the date of his exclusion, a brother who desires to restore his membership shall proceed as follows.

1. He shall pay in full to the lodge which excluded him the amount he owed at the time he was excluded unless the lodge cancels all or a part thereof by a unanimous vote as provided in Regulation 77-5. [78-4]
2. He shall apply to that lodge in writing for restoration on the form prescribed. [Official Form 26].
   A. The application need not be recommended nor forwarded to the Grand Secretary, but it shall be referred to a Committee of Investigation whose report shall be filed before a ballot can be had thereon. [67-2; Official Form 26].
   B. He shall personally sign the application, and it cannot be withdrawn unless he is mentally disqualified.
   C. An applicant for restoration after exclusion shall have the same moral qualifications as a petitioner for the degrees. [66-1.1; 66-1.4; 66-1.11; 66-1.12].
   D. It must be presented at a stated communication, and if received, it shall not be balloted on within twenty-eight days, and then only at a stated communication. [45-3.4.C; 68-1].
   E. A unanimously favorable secret ballot shall be necessary to restore to membership. [59-2.12].
3. The Secretary shall promptly notify the Grand Secretary of any restoration after exclusion. [59-12.10; 59-12.19.H]; Official Form 49].

REG. 78-3 REJECTED APPLICANT FOR RESTORATION. If the applicant for restoration after exclusion for nonpayment of dues is rejected, he shall not apply again within six months.

1. He may there after apply for restoration only to the same lodge.
2. He may reapply as often as the lodge will receive his application, but not within six months of any rejection.
3. Each new application except for the payment or the cancellation of the dues shall take the course set forth in Regulation 78-2.
4. If the applicant is rejected, the dues paid by him provided in Regulation 78-2.1 shall not be returned. The payment thereof is declared a prerequisite qualifying him to make application for restoration and is the payment of a just debt.

REG. 78-4 DEFUNCT LODGE. Should the lodge of which the brother was a member become defunct, the Grand Secretary shall issue a Grand Lodge demit under the provisions of Chapter 49 and proceed by application for membership as set forth in Chapter 75. [49-1; 49-4.1]

CHAPTER 79

Life Membership

REG. 79-1 MERITORIOUS SERVICE ONLY. No lodge shall create a life member merely for continuous membership in Masonry for any number of years or for the payment of a sum of money. A lodge may make a member a life member only for outstanding and meritorious service to Masonry and the lodge shall not be exempt from the payment of dues and assessments to the Grand Lodge on life members. [77-12.2].

REG. 79-2 MANNER OF PROPOSAL AND ELECTION. A proposal for life membership shall be in writing, recommended by at least three members of the lodge, and read at a stated communication.

1. It need not be sent to the Grand Secretary nor referred to a committee.
2. It shall not be balloted on within twenty-eight days after such proposal has been presented and read to the lodge. [48-3.5; Official Form 45)].
3. Election to life membership shall be by a secret and unanimous ballot at a stated communication. [Official Form 45].

REG. 79-3 PRESUMPTION OF DEATH. If a life member has not been heard from for seven years, the Master shall direct the Secretary to report the name of such missing member in the annual return as being *legally dead*. His name shall then be dropped from the roll of active membership, and a record made on the minutes of the next stated communication.

1. If he shall thereafter report to the lodge in person or in writing, he shall be restored to membership by order of the Master and the fact and date thereof reported to the Grand Secretary at once and entered on the minutes of the next stated communication.
2. Any *per capita* tax properly due shall be paid within thirty days after such report. [77-12; 77-16].

REG. 79-4 CERTIFICATE OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP. A certificate of life membership shall not be valid as documentary evidence for the purpose of visitation unless it is accompanied by the annual dues receipt and identification card issued by and under the seal of the same lodge as required in Regulation 77-12. [50-3; 51-3; Official Form 46].

CHAPTER 80

Service Awards

REG. 80-1 JOSEPH MONTFORT MEDAL. The Grand Lodge has established a medal or emblem to be known as the 'Joseph Montfort Medal' to be presented by the Grand Master to any Master Mason in good standing and recognized by this Grand Lodge, who in the opinion of the Grand Master is deserving thereof because of distinguished Masonic service or achievement.

1. Not more than three Joseph Montfort Medals shall be presented in any one term of a Grand Master.
2. The cost of the medal shall be borne by the Grand Lodge, and no duplicate shall be provided at the expense of the Grand Lodge. [13-1.2; 89-11].
3. It shall be made of silver or a metal of like color. The design shall be as shown in Regulation 89-11.

REG. 80-2 SIXTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD. The Grand Lodge has established a Medal or Emblem to be known as the Grand Lodge of North Carolina Diamond Jubilee Veteran's Emblem to be presented to Master Masons, members of lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, who have been Master Masons in good standing for a total of at least sixty years or more preceding the date of the award.

1. This medal together with a suitable certificate shall be presented in the name of the Grand Lodge and the cost thereof to be borne by the Grand Lodge.
2. The Emblem to be of the same design as the North Carolina Veteran's Emblem, except that the Emblem shall be platinum and if that metal is not available, white gold may be used, and the figures shall be 60 instead of 50. [13-1.2; 89-11].

REG. 80-3 FIFTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD. The Grand Lodge has established a medal or emblem to be known as the Grand Lodge of North Carolina Veterans' Emblem to be presented to Master Masons, members of lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge who have been Master Masons in good standing for a total of at least fifty years or more preceding the date of the award.

1. The cost of this medal, together with a suitable certificate, to be presented in the name of the Grand Lodge shall be borne by the Grand Lodge.
2. To entitle a brother to the Veterans' Emblem, he must have been a Master Mason in good standing for a total of at least fifty years.
3. In the event he has been deprived of all the rights and privileges of a Master Mason because of demission, exclusion, suspension or expulsion, the time he was non-affiliated shall be eliminated in counting the years to arrive at the membership for fifty years. [87-5; 89-11].
4. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina Veteran's Emblem shall be made of gold. The design shall be as shown in Regulation 89-11.

REG. 80-4 TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARD. The Grand Lodge shall provide at its expense a suitable certificate together with a medal or emblem to be known as the Grand Lodge of North Carolina Service Award to be presented to Master Masons, members of lodges under the jurisdiction of the

Grand Lodge, who have been Master Masons in good standing continuously for twenty-five years or more, immediately preceding the date of award.

1. In the event he has been deprived of all the rights and privileges of a Master Mason because of demission, provided the period of non-affiliation is nine months or less, the time he was non-affiliated shall be eliminated in counting the years to arrive at the membership for twenty-five years.
2. The certificate shall be presented by the Grand Master or his personal representative.
3. The cost shall be borne by the Grand Lodge, and no duplicate shall be provided at the expense of the Grand Lodge. The emblem shall be silver, or white metal may be used. [89-12; Official Form 59].

REG. 80-5 APPLICATION FOR SERVICE AWARDS. The following procedure shall be observed before the awards provided for in Regulations 80-2, 80-3, and 80-4 shall be made.

1. The lodge should present service awards at least annually but, except in the case of illness or extreme age of a brother entitled to an award, no more often than semiannually.
2. The lodge will make its own arrangements for the presentation of the awards provided in Regulations 80-2, 80-3, and 80-4.
3. At least 30 days prior to the planned presentation, the Secretary of the lodge shall request a list of the brothers eligible to receive awards from the Grand Secretary.
4. The Grand Secretary shall promptly prepare a list of the brothers eligible to receive awards and forward it to the secretary of the lodge.
5. The Grand Secretary shall prepare the certificates and mail them together with the appropriate emblems to the Secretary of the lodge at least 10 days prior to the date of presentation.

REG. 80-6 ERRORS IN RECORDS. In unusual cases, where the records are inconclusive as to continuous membership of a brother for the period of time required in Regulations 80-2, 80-3, or 80-4, or where a lodge or any Masonic officer is at fault in any matter or as to any record pertaining to the affiliation of a brother, the Grand Master, after investigation and if he is fully satisfied that such brother is not at fault, may issue an order declaring such brother entitled to receive the Emblem or the Award as authorized in Regulations 80-2, 80-4, or 80-3 as the case may be.

REG. 80-7 DEATH AFTER APPLICATION. Should the brother die after the award, as provided for in Regulations 80-2, 80-3, or 80-4, has been requested of the Grand Secretary and prior to the scheduled date of presentation, the said award may be delivered without ceremony to his widow or other relative who may have a Masonic claim on the Masonic Fraternity as the Grand Master may direct. [Chapter 74].

CHAPTER 81

Honorary Membership

REG. 81-1 DEFINED. Honorary membership in a lodge shall depend entirely on continuous active membership in some other lodge. It confers no powers, rights, or privileges in the lodge wherein it is conferred, like those of active or full membership. It imposes no duties, is not liable to fees, dues, or assessments either to the lodge or to the Grand Lodge, confers no right to vote or hold office in the lodge, and is neither dual nor plural membership. [75-17; 81-7; 86-2.49]

REG. 81-2 PROPOSAL AND BALLOT. Any lodge at a stated communication and by unanimous secret ballot, upon a written proposal signed by at least three members of the lodge and received at a previous stated communication not less than twenty-eight days before such ballot, may confer honorary membership upon any qualified Master Mason who at that time shall be a member in good standing of a duly recognized lodge. Such proposal shall not be forwarded to the Grand Secretary and no reference to a Committee of Investigation shall be necessary. [Official Form 50].

REG. 81-3 NUMBER. No lodge shall confer more than three honorary memberships during a calendar year.

1. Any number of lodges may confer honorary membership on the same individual.
2. An honorary member of a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction who by any means ceases to be continuously an active member of some lodge shall lose his honorary membership in all lodges in North Carolina, which shall not be restored by a restoration to his active membership.

REG. 81-4 TERMINATION. An honorary membership may be terminated by resignation or withdrawal in writing or for good cause by a vote of three-fourths of the members present. The vote shall be by written ballot at a stated communication, notice of such proposed action having been given in open lodge at a stated communication not less than twenty-eight days before such vote, and at least ten days written notice by mail of such intended action having been given to such honorary member.

REG. 81-5 CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL. A special Certificate of Withdrawal on Official Form No. 64 may be issued upon written request therefor. Neither a certificate of good standing under Regulation 75-15 nor a regular demit on Official Form No. 36 shall be issued to an honorary member. [76-1.4; 81-4].

REG. 81-6 REPORTS. Each subordinate lodge shall make such reports concerning honorary membership as may be required by the Grand Secretary.

REG. 81-7 DUES. Honorary membership in lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction shall not be liable for any fees, *per capita* tax, dues, or assessments to either the lodges or to the Grand Lodge. [81-1].

REG. 81-8 HONORARY MEMBER OF GRAND LODGE. The Grand

Master may confer the title of 'Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina' upon any Master Mason in good standing in a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge, who in the opinion of the Grand Master is deserving thereof because of outstanding and meritorious service to Masonry. Not more than two certificates bearing this honorary title shall be presented in any one term of a Grand Master.

CHAPTER 82

Burials

REG. 82-1 DUTY OF THE MASTER. It shall be the duty of the Master of each lodge on the death of a member or a sojourning brother qualified therefor to ascertain if Masonic rites would be agreeable, and to take measures accordingly. A lodge should bury a deceased member with Masonic rites if requested by him during his life or by his near relatives after his death. In all other cases Masonic rites may be granted or withheld by the Master of the Lodge. [59-2.43].

REG. 82-2 WHO MAY RECEIVE MASONIC RITES. Only a Master Mason who at the time of his death was a member in good standing in a regular lodge and under no charges, shall be buried with Masonic rites. [59-2.43; ; 82-4; 87-5].

1. A lodge may hold a Masonic burial service over the ashes of a brother who has been cremated if they are to be buried.
2. A lodge may hold a Masonic burial service over the remains of a brother who has committed suicide *provided* that the act of suicide did not arise out of, or as a result of, an act involving moral turpitude or heinous conduct on the part of the deceased brother. [82-5].
3. A lodge may hold a Masonic burial service over the remains of a brother who was insane. [82-5].
4. A brother who died insane and who was a member of a lodge that is defunct, and who was insane at the time the lodge became defunct may be given Masonic burial.
5. A lodge shall not bury with Masonic ceremonies a brother who died under charges, or who was nonaffiliated, excluded, suspended or expelled. [74-5.2, 74-5.3; 74-6.5; 77-6; 77-6.1; 82-2.4].
6. After the burial of the body it is too late to call upon Masons to perform any burial service.

REG. 82-3 SUBORDINATE OR GRAND LODGE. All Masonic burials must be by the Grand Lodge or by a subordinate lodge. The Grand Lodge may perform the ceremonies for any deceased grand officer or a past elective grand officer. A subordinate lodge opened as a Master Mason's lodge shall conduct all other burial rites and the ceremonies should be under the general direction of the Master. No dispensation is required. [38-5; 43-3.15; 45-11; 82-4; 34-19.2].

REG. 82-4 OPENING AND CLOSING LODGE. For the purpose of Masonic funerals only, the lodge shall be opened on the Degree of Master Mason, the usual lodge ceremonies conducted, instruction and information given relative to the funeral services and place of interment. The minutes shall be read, approved and the lodge closed after which the brethren shall repair to the proper place for conducting the service. The Secretary shall add at the end of the minutes a certificate to the effect that the brethren did receive the body and did inter the same with a Masonic burial ceremony. [38-5; 38-3.4].

REG. 82-5 MEMBERS OF PROCESSION. When the lodge has formed in order about the body at the grave or crematorium, none shall be admitted within the line except the Fraternity, the clergy, the mourners, the pallbearers,

and those whose duties require it. As a Masonic burial procession is the lodge, the Master may exclude any brother therefrom as provided in Regulation 59-2.7. [82-5; 82-2.1, 82-2.2, 82-2.3].

REG. 82-6 MASONIC RITES ONLY. No lodge shall attend or participate in burial rites unless the same are Masonic.

1. A lodge is prohibited from burying a deceased Mason with Masonic ceremonies, or from joining in a funeral procession at his burial as a lodge or in a body unless it is conferring Masonic Rites.
2. It may permit the Knights Templar or other organization of which the deceased was a member to act as an escort.
3. A lodge shall not act as an escort in any funeral, or on any other occasion. [43-3.13; 43-3.15; 34-19.2; 86-2.43].
4. The Grand Master has no power by dispensation to authorize a lodge to join in the funeral procession of a deceased Mason unless the burial is conducted by a lodge. [13-4.8].
5. When the Knights Templar or any other body, Masonic or non-Masonic has control of the burial of a deceased Mason, a lodge shall have no right either as a lodge or in a body to join in the procession.

REG. 82-7 ENTERED APPRENTICE - FELLOW CRAFT. An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft shall not be permitted to take part in a burial procession or ceremonies.

REG. 82-8 OTHER CEREMONIES. The Master must have a distinct understanding with the family and the officiating clergyman, prior to the time set for the services, that the lodge is to have the last service at the grave and the actual depositing of the remains in the grave.

1. If a religious or other service is held, it must precede the Masonic ceremonies. The lodge may form in procession and attend the religious services in Masonic clothing. While the religious or other services are being conducted, the lodge has no right or authority to intervene in any way because such services are not a part of, and cannot be made a part of, the Masonic ceremonies.
2. The lodge may accept the remains at the grave and perform the Masonic ceremonies, regardless of the fact that it did not participate in other services.
3. Where possible, the religious services, or services other than Masonic, should be concluded at the home, church, chapel, or wherever held.
   A. If those services are to be continued at the grave, there must not be an actual deposit of the body in the grave at such services.
   B. Not until the termination of those services shall the Masonic ceremonies begin, and they shall continue without interruption until the remains are *actually* deposited in the grave.
   C. From the time the lodge takes charge of the body for the Masonic ceremonies, it must have entire control of the funeral ceremonies and conduct a continuous service without interruption until the Masonic ceremonies are completed and the body deposited in the grave, after which no further ceremonies shall be held except as provided in this subsection.
   D. The officiating clergyman may give a benediction.
   E. After the Masonic burial services of a deceased brother have been

completed, a military salute of honor may be fired over his grave. [82-8.3.C].

4. At Masonic burials, the active pallbearers shall all be Master Masons. They may also serve as pallbearers for the religious services. It is not required that honorary pallbearers be Masons.
5. The foregoing requirements should be made clear to the family. If there is objection to them, the Master should respectfully decline to conduct the Masonic ceremonies.

REG. 82-9 JURISDICTION - WHERE LODGE OPENED. If burial services are to be conducted in the territorial jurisdiction of another lodge, that lodge may be requested to conduct them as a courtesy. No lodge should enter the territorial jurisdiction of another lodge to conduct such services except by the consent of the Master of the lodge having jurisdiction. For the purpose of conducting a Masonic burial only, if the place of interment is located within the territorial jurisdiction of the lodge and it is more than ten miles from the lodge hall, the lodge may be opened in a suitable room near the place of interment. The room must be properly tiled. [38-5; 44-2.1; 45-7; 38-3.4; 43-6; 82-4; 82-9; 13-3.8.G].

REG. 82-10 MASONIC CLOTHING. The only Masonic clothing permissible at a Masonic burial shall be white gloves, white aprons, and the officers' jewels. The remains of a deceased brother may be clothed with his Masonic apron at his request or that of his relatives even though the burial services are not conducted by a Masonic lodge. [89-3; 89-4].

REG. 82-11 MASONIC BURIAL ON SUNDAY. A Masonic burial or memorial service may be held on Sunday. [45-11].

REG. 82-12 MASONIC MEMORIAL SERVICES. Memorial services may be conducted for an eligible deceased brother at a funeral home, hall, church or other appropriate location upon request of the deceased or his survivors. The Masonic Memorial Service as formulated by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Ceremonies as approved by the Grand Master shall be used.

CHAPTER 83

Summons

REG. 83-1 DEFINITION. A summons is the most forcible writ known to Masonry. So long as he is a member of the Fraternity, an Entered Apprentice, a Fellow Craft, or a Master Mason, he must obey this writ, whether he be a nonaffiliated, a member of the lodge issuing the summons or otherwise.

1. Disobedience thereof would constitute one of the gravest of Masonic offenses if it be shown the summons had been received.
2. The wilful failure to obey a Masonic summons lawfully issued and served is an act of insubordination for which charges should be preferred. If the accused is found guilty, he should be expelled. [83-1; 87-13.2; 86-2.8; 91-13.3; 93-4.1; 94-21].
3. The purpose of a summons is to insure the presence of the party, therefore if he be present in person, or by an authorized attorney when he may lawfully appear by an attorney, it is immaterial how he was summoned.
4. A lodge, or whoever lawfully issues a summons, may excuse a brother from obedience to a summons for good cause shown. [87-13.2].

REG. 83-2 AUTHORITY, FORM, AND SERVICE. A legal summons is a written or printed notice issued to a brother commanding him to appear at the time and place and for the purpose therein stated. [83-1.2; 87-13.2; 86-2.8; 93-4.1]

1. A summons may be issued by
   A. Order of the lodge or the Master signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary of the lodge with the seal of the lodge attached,
   B. The Judge Advocate, under his signature and official seal,
   C. The Grand Master, under his signature and official seals,
   D. The Chairman of a Trial Commission under his signature, or
   E. An examiner in a trial under his signature.
2. Unless specifically provided otherwise by law, the required signatures on a summons shall be actual and not facsimile printed, or otherwise. A summons may be served either personally, or by registered mail, or otherwise as provided by law. If issued by order of the lodge or the Master and if served by mail, the Secretary shall serve it unless otherwise provided. In all other cases in which service is made by mail, it shall be made by the person authorized to issue the summons. When served by mail, it shall be directed to the last known address of the brother and it shall be deemed properly served when mailed. [59-2.3; 87-13.2; 87-19; 86-2.8; 91-13; 91-9.6; 91-9.7; 93-4.1; 94-10; 94-21].
3. The Grand Master, over his signature and the seal of his office, may authorize any Master Mason to issue a summons for Masonic purposes. The authority shall be restricted to a particular case or special circumstances.
4. If a summons is served by United States Registered or Certified Mail and a receipt therefor is signed by the brother to whom it is addressed, or signed by someone on his behalf, it shall be equivalent to personal service. [87-13.2].

REG. 83-3 WHO MAY SERVE. When a summons, notice, or other instrument

is required by a lodge, by the Master, or by law to be personally served, such service may be made by an officer or member of the lodge, by any Master Mason designated by the Master to perform that duty, or as may be otherwise provided by law. The certificate of service by the person making the service shall be sufficient proof thereof. [91-9.7; Official Forms 29, 30, 31, 32; Trial Forms 6, 8, 9).

CHAPTER 84

Laying Cornerstones and Dedicating Lodge Buildings

REG. 84-1 CORNERSTONES. Neither the Grand Lodge nor a subordinate lodge shall lay a cornerstone except when the building is in its initial stage, when the walls have not been raised above the level of the stone when set in its place. The stone shall be a bearing stone and shall be set in the northeast, or symbolic northeast corner of the building. For the purpose of this Regulation the symbolic northeast corner shall be understood to be the right hand corner of the building as one faces the front of the building. [27-1.3.M; 34-19.2].

1. There are no Masonic ceremonies for setting or placing a sheet or slab of marble or stone even if it is called a cornerstone.
2. If a cornerstone of a church, Masonic building, or a public building is to be laid with Masonic ceremonies, those having the matter in hand shall request the Grand Master to lay it. He may do the work himself or he may appoint a Master Mason to act for him.
3. The stone shall be in fact a cornerstone and not a slab or sheet of stone and there shall be engraved thereon the year of Masonry and the name of the Grand Master together with such other particulars as may be deemed necessary.

REG. 84-2 BUILDING DEDICATIONS. If a Masonic hall or building is to be dedicated, those having the matter in hand shall request the Grand Master to do the work. He may do it in person or he may appoint a Master Mason to act for him. The whole or any part of a building may be *dedicated* under Masonic usage when owned by a lodge or a recognized body of Masons and used exclusively by Masons or by them and by bodies requiring Masonic connections. [34-19.2].

REG. 84-3 COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES. A subordinate lodge shall have the right to set or place a commemorative plaque in or on the wall of an existing building, and a deposit of certain memorials may be placed in the opening provided therefor, with appropriate Masonic ceremonies conducted by the Grand Lodge. [45-11; 84-4; 34-19.2].

1. The plaque may be either stone or metal.
2. There shall be engraved thereon the year of Masonry and the name of the Grand Master, together with such other particulars as may be deemed necessary.

REG. 84-4 HOW AND BY WHOM CONDUCTED. Any of the ceremonies provided for in this chapter may be conducted by the Grand Lodge or by a subordinate lodge at the discretion of the Grand Master, but the Grand Master or his duly appointed representative shall preside. The lodge making the request for such ceremonies shall bear the entire expense thereof.

1. The Grand Lodge, or a subordinate lodge, shall be opened on the Degree of Master Mason, the usual ceremonies conducted and instruction and information given relative to the special ceremonies to be conducted. The minutes shall be read, approved and the Grand Lodge or subordinate lodge shall be closed, after which the special ceremonies shall be conducted. The charter of the subordinate lodge need not be removed from the lodge hall

if the special ceremony is conducted in another location. [13-3.7; 38-3.1; 41-8; 38-3.4].

2. The ceremonies provided for in this chapter shall not be conducted on Sunday. [43-3.15; 45-11].

CHAPTER 85

Appeals for Aid

REG. 85-1 WHO MAY APPEAL FOR AID. Appeals for aid are by Masonic usage confined to the assistance of a needy worthy brother, his widow and orphans. No Mason's obligation requires him to contribute to assist his own or any other lodge in erecting buildings. [60-7; 77-8; 77-9;].

REG. 85-2 HOW MADE. All appeals for aid shall be sent to the Grand Lodge Committee on Charity, which committee shall have power to investigate fully under such rules and regulations as said committee shall adopt, and approve or disapprove the same, and no call for aid shall be allowed to be sent to the subordinate lodges of the state until authorized and signed by said committee, approved by the Grand Master and attested by the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge. [13-3.8.E].

REG. 85-3 SOLICITATION. Unless approved in writing by the Grand Master, attested by the Grand Secretary under the seal of this Grand Lodge:

1. A begging letter or solicitation for aid, not addressed to the lodge of which the applicant is a member, or to the members thereof, that is not authorized as provided by Regulation 85-2, is forbidden.
2. No brother shall circulate in a lodge a petition soliciting financial aid for any matter or any thing not of a strictly Masonic character.
3. A lodge or a brother in the name of Masonry shall not issue or endorse any document to any person or to any organization to be used for business or solicitation purposes.
4. A lodge or a brother in the name of Masonry shall not by circular letter or otherwise, solicit pecuniary assistance or donations of money or merchandise for any purpose, from any lodge or brother in this or in any other grand jurisdiction, nor from any non-Masons unless, that solicitation is on behalf of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc., the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated, or the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, or the solicitation has been approved in advance by the Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities.
5. A lodge violating this regulation subjects itself to arrest of its charter, and a brother doing so subjects himself to suspension or expulsion. [13-3.8.E; 43-3.2].

REG. 85-4 APPEALS - OTHER JURISDICTIONS. Subordinate lodges shall not entertain begging or soliciting circulares or letters from lodges of another grand jurisdiction without the approval of the Grand Master attested by the Grand Secretary under the seal of this Grand Lodge. [13-3.8.E].

REG. 85-5 DUTY TO GIVE AID. All Masons everywhere should supply the need of a worthy brother without regard to the lodge of which he is a member. There is no obligation which can be enforced on any lodge to pay for articles furnished or attention given a member of another lodge or for his funeral expenses, in absence of a request or contract therefor by the lodge which is sought to be charged.

CHAPTER 86

Masonic Offenses

REG. 86-1 GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS. The Grand Lodge cannot by a general rule circumscribe within equitable bounds the conduct and practices of all members. Therefore, it must be left with the members of the Craft to determine whether or not, in the light of surrounding circumstances a brother is bringing reproach upon Masonry by his conduct, and thereby is, or is not, guilty of unmasonic conduct. A Masonic offense is the violation of the moral law, or the civil law, or of Masonic obligations, or a violation of the laws, usages, and customs of Masonry and, in a general way, a Mason should be guided in his conduct by the following.

1. Where the statute law expressly permits certain conduct or is silent as to it, Masons are bound to obey the moral law and to observe the lessons and duties inculcated in the several degrees.
2. Where the statute law prohibits or commands certain conduct, Masons, in obedience to their duties as good citizens in support of civil government, should obey.
3. Where the statute law permits but does not command certain conduct, and the Masonic law prohibits that conduct, then the Mason must obey the Masonic law as to that course of conduct.
4. If in conducting any business or in pursuing any profession or vocation, a Mason conducts himself, his business, his profession, or his vocation in such a manner as to bring reproach upon himself or his lodge and shame upon the Order, he would for these reasons and notwithstanding the statute law be guilty of a Masonic offense.
5. A Mason's conduct in general and at all times should be such as not to bring discredit upon the Order or to degrade it in the estimation of good people.
6. An Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft is subject to the provisions of this chapter.

REG. 86-2 SPECIFIC MASONIC OFFENSES. The following are specific Masonic offenses and, in certain instances, the penalty is specified. These shall not be construed as excluding any other Masonic offenses or unmasonic conduct or penalties not specifically described or enumerated in this chapter or in other chapters of THE CODE.

1. To fail to discharge the duties of a Mason. While this is general in its terms, it includes the following as well as offenses not specified herein, and the penalty shall be fixed according to the gravity of the offense unless it is set forth in THE CODE.
2. To be an atheist at the time of initiation or to become one after initiation. Penalty expulsion. [52-4, 66-4, Preamble I].
3. To be present at the conferring, taking or receiving, of any degree or degrees contrary to duty or in violation of the provisions of THE CODE. [2-6.9; 86-2.58; 86-2.59; 87-1].
   A. To be present or to assist in the work of a lodge knowing that its charter or dispensation has been arrested or revoked.
   B. To hold Masonic communication or conversation with an illegal lodge, with a person who is a member thereof or who received the degrees therein, or with any person not acknowledged as a Mason by the Grand Lodge. [2-5; 2-6.9; 86-2.58; 86-2.59; 87-1].

C. Penalty for committing, knowingly, any of the offenses described in this Subdivision, expulsion. Penalty otherwise, according to the gravity of the offense.

4. To have illegal carnal intercourse with wife, sister, mother, or daughter of a Master Mason. Penalty expulsion
5. To have illegal carnal intercourse with one who is not the wife, sister, mother, or daughter of a Master Mason
6. To make known, declare, intimate, or indicate in any way the kind of ballot cast by oneself or by a brother, or to declare or indicate the number of favorable, white balls, or unfavorable, black cubes, ballots cast in a secret ballot on a petition or application, or purposely seeking to learn the kind of ballot cast by another. Under this regulation it is obvious that it would be a Masonic offense to permit any statement or evidence to be offered at a trial as to the kind of ballot cast by a brother or the number of black cubes or white balls cast. The offense is the publication of his ballot. Penalty expulsion. [68-5].
7. To communicate to the profane, or to a suspended, excluded, or expelled brother or to mention in their hearing anything transpiring in the lodge room, to converse with such persons on the secrets of Masonry or on lodge business, or to disclose the fact that any person has been rejected for any degree or membership, or objected to for advancement; or to make known to them any remarks made within the lodge or elsewhere relative to the Masonic standing, qualifications, or character of a petitioner or a brother. [70-4].
8. To fail wilfully to obey a Masonic summons lawfully issued and served. Penalty expulsion. [83-1; 83-1.2; 87-13.2].
9. To write, print, typewrite, paint, mimeograph, multigraph, photograph, photostat, prepare, edit, compile, or in any other way or manner to make, record, publish, or exhibit, or to possess, sell, barter, exchange or give any paper, pamphlet, manuscript, monograph, book, photograph, picture, photostat, volume, cryptograph, cipher, writing, printing, typewriting, or sound recording not specifically authorized by this Grand Lodge, setting forth, or purporting to set forth the forms, rites, ceremonies, or degrees of Symbolic Freemasonry, or any part or portion thereof, or extracts or excerpts therefrom. Penalty expulsion or revocation of charter. [86-2.56].
10. To fail or refuse, upon written notice or request, or upon oral demand of the Grand Master, within three days from receipt thereof, to deliver to him or to any person designated by him any instrument referred to in Regulation 86-2.9. Penalty expulsion or revocation of charter.
11. To violate a Masonic obligation or an oath lawfully taken.
12. To arrest the legitimate work of a lodge, as by "blackballing," from captious, sinister, or unworthy motives provided such motives and conduct are voluntarily avowed by the brother, because they cannot be assigned to him by any one. Penalty expulsion.
13. To make threats or declarations which, if put into effect, would unlawfully retard the work of a lodge or disturb its harmony.
14. To solicit votes by any means, *direct*, or *indirect*, to promote the election of one's self, or of anyone else, to office in his lodge or in the Grand Lodge in violation of Regulations 86-2.16, 54-3.3.B. [54-2.2.A; 54-2.2.B; 54-2.2.C; 54-2.2.D].
15. To try to influence the vote of another, either favorably or unfavorably, for any person for any Masonic office. However, one may state if asked

whether, in his opinion or judgment, a particular person is well qualified by good character, ability, or Masonic knowledge to discharge the duties of a particular office. [86-2.16; 54-3.3.B].

16. Electioneering in any way for one's self, or for anyone else, for office in the Grand Lodge is prohibited as unmasonic, and any brother found guilty of the offense shall be ineligible to office for two years, or if in office shall forfeit the office held by him and in addition thereto, he may be punished for unmasonic conduct. [54-3.3.B; 86-2.14; 86-2.15].
17. To declare to non-Masons that he has withdrawn from his lodge and renounced Masonry while at the same time maintaining his lodge membership and stating to members of his lodge that he intends to remain a member.
18. To misrepresent, or conceal, or to practice fraud or deceit, wilfully about any fact in his petition for the degrees to a lodge in which he is later initiated, or to the Committee of Investigation appointed on his petition. Penalty expulsion.
19. To petition a lodge for the degrees, falsely answering that he has never petitioned another lodge for the Symbolic degrees when asked the question in his petition or by a Committee of Investigation. Penalty expulsion.
20. To fail wilfully to reveal that he has committed a heinous offense before being made a Mason. Penalty expulsion.
21. To fail to disclose any physical disability on his petition. [78- 11]
22. To solicit a profane to petition for the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry. [43-3.6]
23. To recommend a petitioner for the degrees of Masonry, knowing that he has been rejected by another lodge, whether in this or any other jurisdiction, within one year preceding the date of the petition. [86-2.23].
24. For a lodge to accept a petition of one who has been rejected within six months preceding the date of petition and, in case of concurrent jurisdiction, to accept the petition of one who has been rejected by another lodge in the same concurrent jurisdiction within one year preceding the date of the petition. [70-1.2; 70-2].
25. To attempt to influence improperly the action of a Trial Commission or any member thereof by privately discussing the facts or evidence of a case pending before the commission with a member thereof.
26. To participate in forming a club for social or for non-Masonic purposes and to adopt the name *Masonic Club*, or any other name, derivation, phraseology, designation, symbol, or title peculiar to Masonry, or which would identify it with Masonry in the minds of the public or with other Masons, or to participate in forming any club within the membership of a lodge. [43-3.11; 86-2.46; 86-2.47]
27. To commit, or to enter a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, or to be convicted of, a felony under the laws of the State in which committed or tried, or under the laws, civil or military, of the United States of America. Penalty expulsion.
28. To violate the moral law or to violate the criminal statutes involving moral turpitude. [66-1.11].
29. Drunkenness is a serious Masonic offense.
30. To manufacture, transport, sell, or possess intoxicating liquor in violation of the laws of the State of North Carolina or of the United States of America. Penalty expulsion. [43-3.3].
31. To own or keep what is commonly known as a liquor saloon, or to attend

bar in a liquor saloon. A liquor saloon is defined under this section as a place where the main business is the sale of intoxicating liquors to be consumed on the premises; provided, it shall not be considered a Masonic Offense to operate a dining facility pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina where spirituous or intoxicating liquors are sold in strict conformity with the laws of the State of North Carolina. Penalty expulsion. [43-3.3].

32. To conduct, promote, participate in, profit by, aid or assist, in the name or in behalf of Masonry, in any lottery, game of chance, raffle, door prize, or other device or activity by any name, whether or not permitted by public authority. This subdivision covers both individual brethren and Masonic bodies in this jurisdiction and the so called collateral bodies or other organizations in North Carolina whose membership is dependent upon or related to Masonic membership or which are likely to be regarded as Masonic organizations in the public mind as well as individual Masons, within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, are enjoined and required to respect the purposes of this regulation. In addition to the power and authority contained in Chapter 58 of THE CODE, the Grand Master shall have the authority to direct the Judge Advocate to institute a Masonic Trial against any Master Mason within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge whom he believes, after investigation, to have been or is a party to the promoting of a lottery, game of chance, or a raffle of any kind or character.
33. To be a professional gambler, or to keep a gambling establishment, or permit gambling in any form in any place under his control. Penalty expulsion.
34. To play cards or dice, or otherwise, in any manner, gamble for money or for things of intrinsic value.
35. To use or allow the use of lodge room for lotteries, raffles, games of chance, card parties, dances, gambling, or other purposes which would discredit Masonry. [43-3.12; 43-3.16].
36. To use profanity, or habitually take the name of God in vain, or to utter blasphemy, is a serious Masonic offense.
37. To abuse or injure his wife or a member of his family.
38. To abandon or desert his wife or family.
39. To fail to observe and preserve the sanctity of the marital relation.
40. To fail to provide for his wife and family when capable of doing so.
41. To refuse wilfully and persistently to meet pecuniary obligations which he is able to discharge. This is an infraction of the moral law. [43-3; 90-2].
42. To wear Masonic clothing when appearing in a public procession, or in any private or public assembly, except under the auspices of a lodge in its legitimate work.
43. For a lodge, as such to take part in a procession, except to perform a ceremony recognized as Masonic by the Grand Lodge. [43-3.13; 43-3.15; Chapters 82, 84].
44. To wear the square and compasses, or any other Masonic emblem, or the emblem of an organization composed exclusively of Masons, when he stands excluded, suspended, or expelled, or when he is an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft.
45. To use the Masonic name, emblems or devices, or the faith and credit of Masonry for secular business or political purposes; or the name of any order generally known or considered as a Masonic body on business or

political cards, signs, letterheads, stationery, advertisements, or in any other manner whereby the owner might be identified as having Masonic connections except for legitimate recognized Masonic purposes as defined in Subdivision 45 of this regulation. [43-3.8, 43-3.9; 89-1; 86-2.48].

46. To use, or be a party to using, the Masonic name or emblems, or the names or emblems of orders and organizations generally known or considered as Masonic bodies as a part of the style and title, or designation of any business firm, concern, company, corporation, association, enterprise, or calling organized or prosecuted for profit; or for a livelihood, or by way of advertisement unless such business shall be the printing or publishing of Masonic books, papers, or periodicals, or for the manufacture and sale of Masonic supplies. When applied to a cemetery, temple association hospital, employment bureau, relief organization, or charitable enterprise controlled and conducted wholly by Masons or by Masonry, such use must be authorized and approved by the Lodge Service Commission with right to appeal to the Grand Lodge. This subdivision shall apply to the use of Masonic Symbols and phraseology peculiar to Masonry. This subdivision does not apply to the use of Masonic emblems on the tombstone or other marker of the grave of a deceased Mason who died a member of a lodge. [86-3; 25-1; 25-2; 43-3.8, 43-3.9; 43-7; 43-8.1.D, 43-8.1.E; 89-1; 86-2.48].
47. To belong to baseball or other sports club or sports group composed of Masons which uses the name of a lodge or the word Masonic or any derivation thereof, as its club or group name. Such activities are not of a Masonic nature or purpose. [43-3.11; 86-2.26].
48. To manufacture or sell a Masonic emblem, square and compasses, for use on a commercial vehicle, or on business premises, or to use the same thereon. [86-2.46].
49. For a member of this Grand Jurisdiction to hold active, or regular membership in more than one lodge at the same time in violation of Regulations 52-5 or 75-17. [81-1].
50. To traduce, slander, libel, or falsely accuse a Mason.
51. It is a Masonic offense for any brother or any lodge to issue, promote, or to be voluntarily a party to the issuing or to the circulating of a chain letter containing
    A. a promise of personal reward or gain,
    B. a threat of any nature or
    C. a solicitation of any kind.
    D. On conviction of the brother, the maximum penalty shall be suspension for not less than three years for the first offense and for any succeeding offense the penalty shall be named by the Trial Commission under the Trial Code.
    E. If a lodge be guilty, the penalty shall be a fine of not less than $100.00, or the arrest of its charter.
52. The members of a lodge individually or as a group shall not, as Masons, do those things the lodge is prohibited from doing. [43-3.1; 43-8; 38-1, 87-14].
53. It shall be unmasonic to exemplify the monitorial parts of the degrees in public or in the presence of a profane. [42-4; 43-3.14; 44-7 (Art.22Q); 68-7.1; Chapters 24; 45; 72; 73; 74].
54. No brother may have in his possession any copy of the Official Standard of the Work or the Vocabulary after the same has been accounted for to the Grand Secretary as lost or destroyed.
55. It is an offense for any brother to fail or refuse to account for, or to deliver

up, any copy of the Official Standard of the Work or of the Vocabulary which may have been receipted for by him, or which may be in his possession when it is called for or demanded by the Grand Master or his authorized representative, or the Grand Secretary, or a District Deputy Grand Master, or by any other person authorized to call for and examine said Official Standard of the Work or the Vocabulary. [26-3.14].

56. It is an offense for any brother to sell, give, print, have in his possession, or use any cipher or ritual pertaining to Symbolic Freemasonry, other than that herein before provided for and as further set forth in Regulations 29-12 and 86-2.9.
57. It is an offense for any brother to make any copy of or from, either in whole or in part, or to make or permit to be made any writing whatever in any copy of the Official Standard of the Work or of the Vocabulary, or to violate any rule or regulation made to govern the use of the same.
58. It shall be a Masonic offense for any Mason within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to visit, or to affiliate with, or to become a member of, or be a promoter of, any organization, body, or group claiming to be Masonic, or representing itself in the name of Masonry, which has been refused recognition, or declared illegitimate by this Grand Lodge, and upon conviction for a violation of this section, he shall be liable to be expelled, and while he continues to be such a member or promoter, he shall be ineligible to membership or office in any subordinate lodge, or to membership in this Grand Lodge. [2-6.9; 87-1; 86-2.].
59. Any Mason in this jurisdiction who shall confer, communicate, or sell, or who shall assist in, or be accessory to, the conferring, communicating, or selling, or who shall solicit anyone to receive or apply for any degrees called, claimed, or represented to be Masonic, but which have been refused recognition, or declared illegitimate by this Grand Lodge, may be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. [87-1; 86-2.3].

REG. 86-3 INSURANCE ASSOCIATIONS PROHIBITED. This Grand Lodge has in no manner authorized and is in no way responsible for the creation of insurance companies or mutual benefit associations called Masonic.

1. This Grand Lodge is neither legally nor morally responsible for any agreement, contract, or other act of any such associations.
2. Any Mason in this jurisdiction who, to induce any person to join or become interested in any such company or association, shall make representations in conflict with this section, is guilty of unmasonic conduct. [86-2.46].

CHAPTER 87

Definitions

REG. 87-1 CLANDESTINE LODGE. A *clandestine lodge* is one which pretends to be Masonic but is without a warrant, dispensation, or charter from a grand lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge.

REG. 87-2 CLANDESTINE MASON. A *clandestine Mason* is one who is or was affiliated with a clandestine lodge, and he cannot be healed. For procedure in handling a petition for the degrees from one who was a member of a clandestine lodge, see Regulation 66-6.[66-6; 75-6.4; 75-1.5; 86-2.3.B].

REG. 87-3 IRREGULAR MASONS. A lodge with a proper charter, though not legally constituted for a particular communication, such as, if fewer than seven members are present, or if due notice of the communication has not been given as and when required, or in the event the membership of the lodge is less than twenty members, is not a clandestine lodge and Masons made therein are not clandestine Masons, but they are *irregular Masons*. In such case the irregularity or error shall be cured by "healing" the candidate in a regularly constituted lodge. This cannot be done without the approval of the Grand Master. [11-4; 2-6.9; 40-8; 45-8; 66-6; 74-1; 87-6].

REG. 87-4 DOTAGE. No particular age is conclusive evidence of *dotage*. With one person it is earlier in life than with another. It is a question for the lodge, having in view the fact that we seek materials for constructive use, not as waste or incumbrance. [66-5].

REG. 87-5 GOOD STANDING. The term *good standing* as used in THE CODE when applied to a Mason means that he is a member of a lodge and not under charges for unmasonic conduct, but his current dues may be unpaid. Good standing does not mean that a Mason is not liable to charges. [50-1; 51-1; 51-3.2; 74-5.1; 74-5.2, 74-5.3; 76-6.1; 80-3; 90-4].

REG. 87-6 HEALING. *Healing* is reobligation of a brother, to cure or correct that which has been omitted or done in error in initiating, passing, or raising him. Before such brother can be healed, the respect in which he is sought to be healed shall first be reported to the Grand Master, and upon receiving his authority to do so, the Master in open lodge shall proceed to heal said brother so far as to correct any irregularities in his initiation, passing, or raising. The Grand Master shall in all cases determine when, how, and to what extent *healing* shall be done. [87-3].

REG. 87-7 MONTH. The *month* mentioned in THE CODE means a lunar month and it is sometimes referred to as twenty-eight days. [73-6; 75-16; 75-15; 77-2.5].

REG. 87-8 AMPLE FORM. The Grand Lodge is declared to be opened and closed in *Ample Form* when the Grand Master presides, and this applies also to subordinate lodges.

REG. 87-9 DUE FORM. The Grand Lodge is declared to be opened and closed

in *Due Form*, when the Deputy Grand Master presides. Except when the Grand Master presides a subordinate lodge is always opened and closed in *Due Form* on the degree of Master Mason

REG. 87-10 FORM. The Grand Lodge is declared to be opened and closed in *Form*, when it is opened and closed in the absence of both the Grand Master and his Deputy. Except when the Grand Master presides a subordinate lodge is always opened and closed in *Form* on the degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft.

REG. 87-11 EXCLUSION OR SUSPENSION. The *exclusion* or *suspension* of a brother deprives him of all his Masonic privileges and prohibits all Masonic intercourse between him and his brethren during the time of his exclusion or suspension. [77-22; 91-13.8].

REG. 87-12 EXPULSION. *Expulsion* from Masonry is the highest penalty that can be incurred and the severest punishment that can be inflicted for any violations of Masonic engagements. It excludes a Mason from all his Masonic rights and privileges forever, until he be restored by the Grand Lodge. [95-3].

REG. 87-13 SUMMONS AND NOTICE. The terms *summons* and *notice* are used in the old regulations and by many of the grand lodges in this country synonymously. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina makes the following distinction.

1. A *notice* is the announcement by which the time, place, and hour, and frequently the business of the lodge, are communicated to the members. Every brother receiving this notice is requested to attend. The obligation which it imposes is a general one. There is no penalty incurred by a continuous violation of it.
2. A *summons* is a call of authority, a citation to appear and answer to the charges therein set forth. It may also be an imperative injunction to appear at the time and place named therein, or to attend on the Grand Master, a District Deputy Grand Master, or any committee or other body or person authorized by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to issue it. The obligation to obey it is special and obligatory on the brother receiving it. The penalty for its non-observance is expulsion unless the party offending be able to urge a pressing and positive necessity as his excuse. [59-12.13; 83-2.3; 83-2.4; 83-1; 83-1.2; 83-1.4; 86-2.8; 91-13.3; 93-4.1; 94-21; Chapter 83].

REG. 87-14 LODGE. A *lodge* is a society of Masons meeting by authority of a charter or warrant from a regular grand lodge for the purpose of doing Masonic work and transacting appropriate business. The word *lodge* in this CODE shall, unless the context indicates otherwise, be construed to refer to the particular lodges holding charters by authority of this Grand Lodge or to regular lodges under the jurisdiction of grand lodges recognized by this Grand Lodge. The word sometimes in Masonic terminology means the place or hall in which a particular lodge meets. [38-2; 86-2.51.E].

REG. 87-15 TITLES. The title pertaining to a Master or a Grand Master is a personal one which attaches to a brother by virtue of his having acquired the office and of which he is not divested when his term of office expires. [56-3]. In formal lists and introductions the title precedes the name of the brother

holding or having held the office, as *Most Worshipful George Jones, Grand Master* or *Past Grand Master*, or *Worshipful George Jones, Master* or *Past Master* as the case may be. In addressing the officer while occupying his station or place, the personal name is omitted, thus *Most Worshipful Grand Master* or *Worshipful Master*. When the officer is referred to but not addressed, the title is omitted, thus *The Grand Master has ruled so and so or The Master has ruled so and so.* [56-3].

REG. 87-16 COMMUNICATION. A *communication* is a meeting for the transaction of business or work.

REG. 87-17 SECRET BALLOT. The *secret ballot* is the particular method of voting on petitions and certain applications as set forth in Regulation 63-5.

REG. 87-18 PROVISIONAL OR CONDITIONAL DEMIT. A *provisional demit* or a *conditional demit* is defined to be a document under seal, issued by, or under the authority of, a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge and which on its face provides that upon the happening of the event or events stated therein, the document automatically and immediately becomes an absolute demit, or withdrawal of membership, from the lodge issuing it, and that the brother named therein may use it for the purpose of transferring his membership from the lodge issuing it to another regular lodge or to join in the formation of a new lodge under a plan whereby the said holder shall have continuous and unbroken membership during such transfer, which transfer is completed by the instituting of the new lodge or by election in due form to membership in the lodge to which an application for affiliation with such demit attached, has been made. Such provisional or conditional demits may be in different forms and may be given other names by other grand jurisdictions. This Grand Lodge does not issue an provisional or conditional demit. [75-16.2, 75-16.3; 76-1].

REG. 87-19 MAIL. Wherever in THE CODE the service of any document is authorized or required to be made by United States Registered *Mail*, such service can be made by United States Certified Mail. [39-4.1].

REG. 87-20 UNMASONIC CONDUCT. *Unmasonic conduct* is any conduct, behavior, or action that is a violation of the moral law, or the civil law, or of Masonic obligations, or a violation of the laws, usages, and customs of Masonry, or in the light of surrounding circumstances, brings reproach on a Mason or Masonry. [Chapter 86].

CHAPTER 88

Official Forms

REG. 88-1 DUES CARD. There shall be prescribed annually by the Grand Secretary an official receipt card for dues which shall be used by all lodges. One side of this card shall show the name of the brother to whom it is issued with one given name in full, not by initial, the name, number, and location of the lodge of which the brother is a member, and the date to which his dues are paid, and the date on which they were paid. On the other side there shall be the certificate of the Grand Secretary that the lodge of which the brother is a member is a regular lodge of the Grand Lodge, and this certificate shall be attested by a facsimile of the seal of the Grand Lodge and a facsimile signature of the Grand Secretary, both printed thereon and shall be substantially as follows:

(Official Forms are found in Appendix A)

REG. 88-2 OTHER FORMS. Forms for annual returns of subordinate lodges and other reports to the Grand Lodge shall be prescribed from time to time by the Grand Secretary. The following forms are prescribed by the Grand Lodge and shall be used in this Grand Jurisdiction except when specifically authorized on the form to be changed, and even then, the form herein set forth shall be substantially followed.

1. A lodge name, number, and location may be printed on any form in this chapter which provides for, or lends itself to, that information.
2. The Grand Secretary, with the approval of the Board of General Purposes, shall have authority to make any necessary changes in any Official Form and to arrange any form in this chapter for printing.

(Official Forms are found in Appendix A)

CHAPTER 89

Aprons, Jewels, and Seals

REG. 89-1 EMBLEM OF A MASTER MASON. The emblem of a Master Mason is the Square, the Compasses, and the letter G arranged as illustrated in Regulation 89-1.3 and without any additional decorations.

1. It shall be made of a gold colored metal.
2. The size may be such as desired by the brother.
3. The design of the emblem of a Master Mason shall be as follows: [Reg. 89-10.3].

(Pictures are found in Appendix B)

REG. 89-2 MASONIC APRON. The proper Masonic apron to be used in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be plain white without decorations of any kind, not larger than 15 x 17 inches made of lambskin, leather, or cloth with white tie cords.

1. If the apron is lined the lining shall be white. [89-3; 89-4; 89-6.2].
2. The apron to be presented to a candidate may be inscribed under the flap with his name, the dates he received the degrees, and the signatures of the Master and the Secretary.

REG. 89-3 HOW WORN. The Masonic apron may be worn beneath the coat but never in such a way as not to be readily visible. The Master in his discretion may determine how it shall be worn. [82-10; 89-2].

REG. 89-4 FUNERALS. The proper Masonic clothing for a funeral procession is a white apron and white gloves and the officers' jewels. For other occasions it may be a plain white lambskin or leather apron for members and a white apron with blue edging and proper Masonic emblems for officers. [53-2.8; 82-10; 89-10; 89-2].

REG. 89-5 GRAND MASTER. The Grand Lodge shall present to each:

1. Grand Master at his installation, a white apron suitably inscribed.
2. Retiring Grand Master after installation of his successor, a Past Grand Master's jewel.
3. The jewel of a Past Grand Master shall be made of gold. [16-1.34].
4. The designs of the apron and jewel and emblem of a Past Grand Master shall be as follows: [89-5.3; 89-9.3].

(Pictures are found in Appendix B)

REG. 89-6 GRAND LODGE. In the Grand Lodge an officer wears his official apron.

1. Other members of the Grand Lodge wear plain white aprons.
2. The aprons for use of members in the Grand Lodge or in lodges may be made of white paper, cloth, lambskin, or leather.

REG. 89-7 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER. The jewel of a District Deputy Grand Master shall be made of gold or a metal of like color, the design

is illustrated in Regulation 89-7. The apron of a District Deputy Grand Master shall be the same as of a Past Master except the Past Master's emblem on the body of the apron of a District Deputy Grand Master shall be three-fourths enclosed in a wreath; and instead of the All Seeing Eye on the flap, there shall be the number designating his district. All trimming, lining, or embroidery shall be in royal blue. The design of the apron and jewel and emblem of a District Deputy Grand Master shall be as follows: [89-7].

(Pictures are found in Appendix B)

REG. 89-8 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND LECTURER. The jewel of a District Deputy Grand Lecturer shall be made of gold or a metal of like color, the design as illustrated in Regulation 89-8. The apron of a District Deputy Grand Lecturer shall be made of white lambskin, leather or cloth with all the cords, lining, borders and tabs of royal blue. A scroll enclosed in a blue field and encircled by a white border on the body, and there shall be the number designating the district embroidered on the flap. The design of the apron and jewel and emblem of a District Deputy Grand Lecturer shall be as follows:

(Pictures are found in Appendix B)

REG. 89-9 OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE. The jewels of the officers of the Grand Lodge shall be made of gold or a metal of like color. The designs are illustrated in Regulation 89-9.8. [16-1.34; 18-5].

1. The jewel of an officer of the Grand Lodge or of a lodge, or of the District Deputy Grand Master, or of the District Deputy Grand Lecturer may be worn suspended from the collar or ribbon of royal blue, or it may be pinned to the left lapel of the coat.
2. The jewel of the Grand Master shall be worn suspended from a chain collar of gold which is illustrated in Regulation 89-9.8.
3. The aprons of the officers of the Grand Lodge and Past Grand Masters may be made of lambskin, leather, or cloth, with belt or tie cords, lining, borders, and tabs of purple for the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters, and royal blue for all other officers.
4. The aprons' tabs, and flaps, may be trimmed with gold bullion.
5. The emblem of the officer or Past Grand Master may be embroidered on the body of the apron with gold bullion.
6. The apron of the Grand Master or a Past Grand Master may be decorated by a wreath embroidered in the borders in gold bullion. See Regulations 89-9.8 and 89-5.4 for designs of these aprons.
7. Metal collars for all persons designated in this regulation shall have a color background to match the corresponding apron and shall be of a design approved by the Board of General Purposes.
8. The designs of the aprons and jewels and emblems of the several officers of the Grand Lodge are as follows: [89-9; 89-9.1; 89-9.3].

(Pictures are found in Appendix B)

REG. 89-10 OFFICERS OF A LODGE. The jewels of the officers of a lodge shall be made of silver or a metal of like color. [53-2.8; 89-6; 89-4].

1. The aprons of the officers of lodges and of Past Masters may be made of lambskin, leather, or cloth, with plain borders, or tabs, with the emblem

of the officer or Past Master embroidered on the body and the All Seeing Eye embroidered on the outside of the flap but no other decoration. All embroidery, trimming, lining, and tie cords may be in royal blue. [53-2.8].

2. Designs of the jewels and emblems of the officers of a lodge shall be as follows: [89-10]

(Pictures are found in Appendix B)

3. The jewel of a Past Master shall be made of gold or a metal of like color designed as illustrated in Regulation 89-10.3, but the size may be determined by the brother. The design of the jewel and emblem of a Past Master shall be as follows: [89-10.3].

(Pictures are found in Appendix B)

REG. 89-11 VETERAN'S EMBLEMS. The designs of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina Veteran's Emblem, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina Diamond Jubilee Veteran's Emblem and of the Joseph Montfort Medal shall be as follows: [80-1; 80-3; 80-2].

(Pictures are found in Appendix B)

REG. 89-12 SERVICE AWARD. The design of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina Service Award shall be as follows:

(Pictures are found in Appendix B)

REG. 89-13 SEAL OF THE GRAND LODGE. The following is hereby adopted as the seal of the Grand Lodge: [16-1.25; 16-1.26].

(Pictures are found in Appendix B)

REG. 89-14 SEAL OF THE GRAND MASTER. The following is hereby adopted as the seal of the Grand Master: [13-2.21].

(Pictures are found in Appendix B)

REG. 89-15 SEAL OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS. The following is hereby adopted as the seal of the Committee on By-Laws: [34-15.3].

(Pictures are found in Appendix B)

REG. 89-16 SEAL OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE. The following is hereby adopted as the seal of the Judge Advocate:

(Pictures are found in Appendix B)

THE TRIAL CODE

CHAPTER 90

General Provisions

REG. 90-1 TRIAL CODE DEFINED. Chapters 90 through 102 of this CODE shall be known as, and may be cited as, the Trial Code.

REG. 90-2 PRIMARY PURPOSE OF DISCIPLINE. The primary purpose of Masonic discipline is to preserve the good repute and integrity of the Masonic institution by the prosecution and punishment of a lodge whose acts or omissions tend to injure the Craft as a whole, or of a brother whose acts or omissions tend to injure the Craft as a whole, or which have inflicted injury upon a brother Mason or any other person.

1. Masonic discipline is not intended for the determination and settlement of private disputes whether religious, political, or secular, or of differences growing out of business transactions, unless such differences result from wilful action or omission by the accused by means of, or amounting to, fraud or misrepresentation, or amounting to larceny, as defined by the law of the United States, or of the state in which the transaction took place. [43-3.5].
2. Masonic discipline may be applied to conduct prior to the conferring of any degree, especially if such conduct was heinous or involved moral turpitude. [Chapter 86].

REG. 90-3 HOW INVOKED. The method by which Masonic discipline may be invoked and Masonic offenses prosecuted, tried, and punished shall be regulated by this Trial Code. Prosecutions pending at the time of the adoption of the 1995 General Revision shall continue under the provisions of THE CODE previously in effect. [Chapter 100].

REG. 90-4 PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE. Every accused brother shall be deemed innocent of the charges against him until they are proved after due trial. [50-1; 55-5; 59-2.7; 74-5; 87-5; Chapter 50].

REG. 90-5 ORIGINAL EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION. The Grand Lodge shall have original exclusive jurisdiction to try and punish for Masonic offenses all Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, Master Masons, nonaffiliated and unaffiliated Masons residing or sojourning within its jurisdiction, without reference to the place where the offense was committed, or to the jurisdiction in which they held membership except such cases as are provided for in Chapter 100. [2-6.6; 90-7; 90-8; 91-9.5].

1. The Grand Lodge shall have original exclusive jurisdiction over all controversies between lodges in its jurisdiction, or between a lodge in its jurisdiction and a member of another lodge.
2. The Grand Lodge shall have original exclusive jurisdiction to try and punish for Masonic offenses a member of any of its subordinate lodges residing or sojourning in another grand jurisdiction, provided no disciplinary action has been begun against the member for the same offense in the other jurisdiction.

REG. 90-6 SOJOURNERS FROM NORTH CAROLINA. If an Entered

Apprentice or a Fellow Craft, or a Master Mason, who is a member of a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, shall make his residence or establish permanent business in another grand jurisdiction, the lodge nearest such residence or place of business may take penal jurisdiction over him by preferring charges against him before formal accusation for the same offense has been brought against him in this state, and may reprimand, suspend, or expel him, according to its findings and sentence, after due trial has been had in accordance with the laws of the Grand Lodge under which the trial lodge is holden, and shall give to the North Carolina lodge of which the accused was a member prompt notice of the action taken. This privilege shall apply to such grand jurisdictions as shall accord to North Carolina lodges the same rights and privileges over their members who may come to the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. [101-10].

REG. 90-7 MASTER AND GRAND LODGE OFFICERS. No subordinate lodge shall try any officer of the Grand Lodge, the Master of any lodge, or any District Deputy Grand Master while he continues to be an officer of the Grand Lodge, or the Master of a lodge, or a District Deputy Grand Master.

1. While they are serving as such, only the Grand Lodge shall have Jurisdiction to try and punish them. 2-6.6; 59-4.1; 100-1.18; Chapter 100].
2. Any Master of a lodge, any officer of the Grand Lodge or any District Deputy Grand Master who has been removed or suspended from office or whose commission has been revoked or suspended by the Grand Master, shall be amenable to the provisions of the Trial Code in the same manner as any other brother. [13-2.10; 13-3.5; 58-1; 59-5.4; 90-9; 90-12.1].

REG. 90-8 UNAFFILIATED OR UNDER SENTENCE. A Mason excluded, or under suspension, or nonaffiliated may be tried and expelled in the same manner as if he were in good standing. A brother while under the sentence of expulsion cannot be tried. [90-5]

REG. 90-9 CHARGES AGAINST GRAND MASTER. Charges may be preferred against the Grand Master for abuse of his powers, violation of THE CODE or other laws of the Grand Lodge, or for unmasonic conduct, by any five Masters of subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, and the charges shall be in writing over their signatures and shall conform to the requirement in Chapter 91 for a complaint. The procedure shall be as provided for in this Trial Code except as follows.

1. The Trial Commission shall consist of seven members, three of whom shall be Past Grand Masters of this jurisdiction, and four shall be Masters or Past Masters, each of the seven having the same qualifications required for a trial commissioner. [91-8].
2. The Grand Secretary shall serve as clerk or secretary to the Trial Commission and shall record the proceedings and judgment, all of which shall be filed in his office and shall be presented at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.
3. The only penalty that may be imposed under this Regulation shall be removal from office.
4. When deprived of his office by the Trial Commission, or after the expiration of the term of his office, he may be tried for unmasonic conduct under the Trial Code, in the same manner as any other brother. [13-1; 13-4; 90-12.1].

5. All necessary expenses shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

REG. 90-10 KINDS OF OFFENSES BY A BROTHER. Masonic offenses which subject an individual Mason to trial and punishment are of five kinds which are generally stated as follows:

1. Acts or omissions tending to impair the purity of the Masonic institution, or to cause scandal, or to degrade it in the estimation of the public, or those which are in any way contrary to its principals, teachings, and obligations. [Chapter 86].
2. Any violation of the Constitution, Regulations, laws, rules, or edicts of the Grand Lodge, or failure to observe the same.
3. Disobedience to lawful Masonic authority.
4. Disobedience to process, authorized by any law of Masonry, including this Trial Code.
5. Contemptuous, disrespectful, or provocative language or conduct toward any lawful Masonic authority at a time and place when such authority is acting as such.

REG. 90-11 KINDS OF OFFENSES BY A LODGE. Masonic offenses which subject an offending lodge to trial and punishment are of four kinds as follows. [91-6].

1. Departure from the original plan of Masonry and its Ancient Landmarks.
2. Violation of the Constitution, Regulations, laws, rules, or edicts of the Grand Lodge, or a failure to observe the same.
3. Contumacy to the authority of the Grand Master or other authorized brother or to that of the Grand Lodge.
4. Disobedience to process authorized by any law of Masonry including this Trial Code.

REG. 90-12 WHEN PROSECUTION COMMENCED. Prosecution for a Masonic offense may be commenced at any time after the commission thereof. [90-2.2; 90-12.1].

1. A prosecution for official misconduct against any Masonic officer may be commenced only during his term of office or within two years after the expiration of the term in which the offense was committed.
2. This limitation shall not apply if such misconduct shall involve moral turpitude. [90-7.2; 90-9.3].
3. A prosecution shall be deemed to have been commenced and the Grand Lodge shall assume complete jurisdiction when the complaint is filed with the Grand Secretary.

REG. 90-13 DOCKET. Upon receipt of the complaint by the Grand Secretary he shall enter it in a book to be kept for the purpose of giving the complaint a docket number, which series shall begin with No. 1 and continue consecutively. This record shall contain no other details than the following. [23-2; 91-13.6; 95-5.8].

1. The name and mailing address of the complainant, and the name, number, and location of his lodge.
2. The name and mailing address of the accused and the name, number and location of his lodge.
3. Date of complaint.
4. Date received in the office of the Grand Secretary.

5. Final disposition of the case and the date thereof.
6. Date restored to membership.
7. The said book record shall show neither the charges, or specifications, nor the nature of the offense. [23-2].
8. The final judgment in the case and such other details as pertain only to the receipt and transmission of documents in the case by the Grand Secretary.

REG. 90-14 MASONIC TRIAL DEFINED. A Masonic trial shall be the proceeding by which a brother or a particular lodge charged with a Masonic offense is accused and prosecuted before a Trial Commission appointed pursuant to the provisions of this Trial Code, whether or not an issue of law or fact, or both, shall have arisen by reason of an answer interposed by the accused, or it may be a proceeding under Chapter 100 for contempt, or under Regulation 91-13, or under Regulation 91-12.

REG. 90-15 DATE OF SERVICE. The date of service of any paper shall be deemed to be the date of the personal delivery thereof, or if it be served by mail, the date of mailing. [91-11].

REG. 90-16 COMPUTING TIMES. In computing the time within which an act must be done, the first day shall be excluded and the last day included except where the last day falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, in which case it shall also be excluded. When an act is required to be done in two days and a Sunday or a legal holiday intervenes, it must also be excluded. [91-11].

REG. 90-17 SERVICE OF PAPERS AND NOTICES. Except in the case of the complaint and notice to accused required by Regulations 91-13, 91-9 and 91-12, any paper or notice required by this Trial Code to be served on the accused or any other party to the cause, may be served by ordinary mail on him or on an attorney who has appeared for him or who has been appointed by him. [91-9.6; 94-7].

REG. 90-18 SINGULAR, PLURAL AND PRONOUNS. Words in the singular number include the plural, and in the plural number include the singular. This Trial Code provides for trials of lodges as well as for individuals. In all cases in which one or more lodges are parties, the context of the law may require that the words, he, him, or his, include also the words it and its, and they, them, or their.

REG. 90-19 MOTION TO INTERVENE. A lodge or a Mason interested in or affected by a Masonic controversy, the subject of a Masonic trial, but not a party thereto, may apply to the Judge Advocate at any time before or after judgment, on such notice to the parties to the controversy as the Judge Advocate shall prescribe, for permission to intervene therein and be made a party thereto. [98-4; 98-4].

1. In the event an application for intervention is granted, the Judge Advocate shall make and file with the Grand Secretary an order to that effect.
2. At the same time he shall serve by mail a copy of his order on all parties to the controversy, the Chairman of the Trial Commission, or on the chairman of the Committee on Appeals.
3. Thereafter the intervener shall be deemed for all purposes a party to the proceedings. [Trial Forms 22, 23, 24].

REG. 90-20 UNWRITTEN WORK OF MASONRY. All unwritten work of Freemasonry shall be omitted from any written document or record in a trial and it shall be given orally at all times whether on trial or on appeal.

REG. 90-21 NAMES OF PROFANE IN DOCUMENTS. In any case in which a profane is involved, his or her name may be given in written documents as John Doe or Mary Doe, as the case may be, and the true name communicated and reported orally to the accused or other party interested in due time.

CHAPTER 91

Instituting a Masonic Trial

REG. 91-1 CAPTION. A Masonic trial is prosecuted in the name of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina on the complaint filed by the lodge or the brother preferring the charges, called *the complainant*, against the individual brother or particular lodge charged with an offense, called the accused.

REG. 91-2 CHARGES. The charges are the formal allegation that the accused by commission or omission, is guilty of some designated Masonic offense and a statement of the facts and circumstances tending to support such allegation.

REG. 91-3 PROCEEDING INSTITUTED. A proceeding seeking the punishment of an individual Mason or of a particular lodge through a Masonic trial shall be instituted by a complaint transmitted to the Grand Secretary or by charges prepared by direction of the Judge Advocate of his own motion and filed with the Grand Secretary. [73-4.2; 94-7].

REG. 91-4 WHO MAY PREFER CHARGES. Any brother in good standing may prefer a complaint against another brother, or against a particular lodge, but no profane may prefer such complaint. The term brother as used in this regulation includes Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, or Master Mason either resident or sojourner. A lodge in North Carolina may prefer a complaint against another lodge in North Carolina or against a brother. [74-2; 91-13.11].

REG. 91-5 CHARGES AGAINST INSANE BROTHER. No complaint shall be preferred against a brother who is insane.

REG. 91-6 COMPLAINT. The complaint is the allegation made to the effect that an individual or a particular lodge has been guilty of unmasonic conduct. [90-10; 90-11].

1. The complaint shall be entitled, *In the matter of charges preferred against A. B.*
2. A complaint shall be in writing addressed to the Judge Advocate of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.
3. It shall be signed by the brother making it or by the Master and the Secretary, under seal of the lodge making it.
4. No precise form is prescribed.
5. It should state comprehensively, but briefly and without needless repetition, the time, place, and nature of the acts or omissions complained of so that the Judge Advocate may determine whether, if proven, they would constitute a Masonic offense.
6. Where the facts are not personally known to the signer, it must state the source of the signer's information and attest his belief in their truth.
7. If the complaint alleges acts or omissions on the part of the accused which constitute different offenses or different methods or means, times, or places of committing a single offense, these may be joined in one instrument which shall describe the separate offenses as Charge I, Charge II, etc. and the different acts or omissions which constitute the same offense as Specification 1, Specification 2, and so on.

8. The original and six duplicate originals of the complaint and all attachments, made by carbon process or by photocopy, shall be filed with the Grand Secretary. [90-9; 90-21; 91-3; Trial Forms 2 and 3].
9. The fact that there is a difference between the time alleged and proved will not defeat the action. The exact time or place is not material, except neither should be stated so as to mislead in the proof but should be somewhere near the time and place alleged.
10. No charge or specification shall be held defective or insufficient because indefinite in statement as to time or place, or other matters, if on its face it is sufficient to apprise the accused of the true nature of the offense and serve as a guide in the production of proofs and the imposition of penalties in case of conviction. [Trial Forms 2, 3].
11. A complaint cannot be withdrawn, but it may be dismissed as provided by law. [Duplicated in 94-15.3;]. [91-7].
12. The complaint shall contain the actual residence address of the accused if it is known to the complainant. It shall also contain the last known mailing address of the accused as shown on the records of the lodge of which the accused is, or last was, a member, if such address is known to or ascertainable by, the complainant.
13. Within five days after a complaint is received by the Grand Secretary, he shall forward six certified copies thereof to the Judge Advocate.

REG. 91-7 ACTION ON COMPLAINT. Within five days after the charges have been received by the Judge Advocate, he shall determine whether the same shall be *entertained, dismissed,* or *held open for adjustment.*

1. In the event the Judge Advocate determines to hold the matter open for adjustment he shall thereupon notify the complainant that he has taken the matter under advisement. If the matter is not adjusted within thirty days the Judge Advocate must determine whether the charges shall be *entertained* or *dismissed.*
2. In the event the Judge Advocate dismisses the complaint, he shall within five days after receiving the same, return the complaint together with his order of dismissal to the Grand Secretary, who shall within five days after the receipt by him forward a copy of the order to the complainant. The papers in the case shall be kept by the Grand Secretary subject to such disposition as may be ordered by the Grand Lodge. [95-5.8].
3. The complainant may appeal from the Judge Advocate's order of dismissal to the Committee on Appeals as hereinafter provided for appeals.
4. The Judge Advocate shall lay the case before the Committee on Appeals, whether or not a formal appeal has been taken as provided in Chapter 98. The Committee shall proceed as if an appeal had been perfected. See also Regulation 98-13.
5. If the Judge Advocate dismisses a complaint as provided in Regulation 91-6.13, his determination shall not be any defense to any future charges based upon the particular acts or omissions alleged in the complaint dismissed.
6. When the Judge Advocate entertains a complaint he shall proceed under Regulation 91-12, or he shall appoint a Trial Commission as provided in Regulation 91-8, and after all challenges provided for in Chapter 92 have been disposed of, he shall notify the trial commissioners of their appointment.

REG. 91-8 TRIAL COMMISSION. A Trial Commission shall consist of three disinterested brethren who have attained the rank of Master of a subordinate lodge or who are Past Masters, and are members in good standing of three different subordinate lodges in North Carolina other than the lodge of which either the complainant or the accused is or last was a member.

1. The Judge Advocate shall designate the chairman, and a majority of the trial commissioners shall constitute a quorum.
2. Any brother selected to serve as a trial commissioner may be excused by the Judge Advocate only for imperative reasons.
3. No trial commissioner shall be a witness for either party. [94-19].
4. A member of the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge shall not be eligible to act as a Trial Commissioner.

REG. 91-9 NOTICE TO THE ACCUSED. In the event the Judge Advocate determines that the complaint shall be entertained as provided in Regulations 91-6.13 and 91-7, and if the Judge Advocate does not proceed under Regulation 91-12, he shall at once cause a certified copy of the complaint to be served on the accused in the manner hereinafter set forth, together with a notice to the accused which shall contain the name, address, and lodge membership of each of the trial commissioners appointed to hear and try the same. [91-11; Trial Forms 2, 3, 4].

1. The notice shall contain a statement that if the accused fails to answer to the complaint within the time specified therein, which time shall not be less than ten days, he shall be deemed to have admitted the truth of the complaint and each and every specification thereof. [Trial Form 4].
2. The notice shall contain a statement that if the accused fails to challenge any of the trial commissioners named in the notice prior to the date therein specified, which date shall not be less than ten days after the date of the notice, he shall be deemed to have consented to the appointment of the trial commissioners named in the notice. [Trial Form 4].
3. A copy of the complaint and notice shall be sent by mail to the lodge of which the accused, if an individual, is a member.
   A. If the lodge is a North Carolina lodge it shall cause the notice to be read at the first stated communication after it has been received.
   B. Only the following record shall be made in the minutes of that communication: "Notice was received at this stated communication that charges of unmasonic conduct against Brother (give his name) are pending in the Grand Lodge."
   C. The Lodge shall make no further record of the case until it has been closed, and will then comply with Regulation 95-5.11.
   D. The Secretary shall make a notation on the roster of the lodge opposite the accused brother's name, and no demit or certificate of good standing shall be granted to any accused brother until his case has been finally disposed of. [75-15; 76-3; 91-13.6].
4. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the complainant. [Trial Form 4].
5. In a case where the accused is a member of a lodge located in another grand jurisdiction but is subject to trial under Regulation 90-5, notices to, and correspondence with, such lodge shall be sent through the office of our Grand Secretary. The provisions of Regulation 43-11 shall be complied with. [93-2].
6. The complaint and notice may be served on the accused either by delivering the same personally or by forwarding it by registered or certified U.S.

mail to his last known address. If the accused is a lodge, the complaint and notice may be served on either the Master or the Secretary of the lodge in the same manner. [87-19; 90-17; 91-11].

7. Any person over the age of 21 years, other than the complainant, may make service upon the accused. So far as possible service should be made by a Master Mason. [83-3; 91-13.5].
8. Proof of service upon an accused shall be by the certificate of the person making the service, if he be a Mason, or by his affidavit if he be not. In either case it shall detail the time, place, and manner of the service. [91-13.5; Trial Form 6].
9. The registered or certified return receipt signed by the accused or by someone on his behalf shall be deemed a personal service. [87-19; 91-13.5].

REG. 91-10 ANSWER. The accused must answer the complaint in writing over his own signature and serve the original and five copies thereof upon the Judge Advocate within the time specified in the notice served in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 91-9.

1. If he fails to do so, he shall be deemed to have admitted the truth of each charge and specification. [87-19].
2. An answer to a complaint, charge, or any specification thereof may consist of either of the following:
   A. A general denial, [Trial Form 7]
   B. An admission of guilt with the addition of an exculpatory statement or explanation, or
   C. An admission without exculpatory statement or explanation and either with or without a plea in mitigation of punishment.

REG. 91-11 MINIMUM TIME TO ANSWER. The minimum time within which the accused must answer the complaint shall be as follows: [90-15; 90-16; 90-17].

1. If the charges have been served by personal service:
   A. Within the state of North Carolina or an adjoining state, ten days from the date of service.
   B. Elsewhere in the United States, exclusive of Alaska, the Canal Zone Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, twenty days from the date of service.
   C. In any other place, thirty days from the date of service.
2. If the complaint has been served by mail:
   A. Within the state of North Carolina or an adjoining state, twenty days from date of mailing.
   B. Elsewhere in the United States, exclusive of Alaska, the Canal Zone, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, thirty days from date of mailing.
   C. In any other place, sixty days from date of mailing.

REG. 91-12 SUMMARY ACTION - JUDGE ADVOCATE. In the event the complaint shows on its face that the unmasonic conduct complained of constitutes a felony under the laws of the United States of America, either civil or military, or the laws of the State of North Carolina, or the laws of the State wherein committed, or in the event the laws of this Grand Lodge prescribes a mandatory penalty of expulsion or a mandatory penalty of suspension for a definite period, the Judge Advocate may proceed as follows.

1. He may at once cause a certified copy of the complaint and notice to be served on the accused as provided in Regulation 91-9.

2. The notice shall state that the unmasonic conduct complained of, if admitted or proven, constitutes an offense for which the Grand Lodge prescribes a mandatory penalty of expulsion, or such other mandatory penalty as may be prescribed.
3. If the complaint and notice are served by registered or certified mail and they are returned undelivered for any reason the service shall be considered completed as personal service for the purposes of this Regulation only. [91-9.9].
4. The notice to the accused shall contain a statement that if the accused answers the complaint and admits the charges, or any charge contained therein, the penalty for which is specifically prescribed, or if he fails, refuses or neglects to answer the complaint and deny the charges within the time specified in such notice, he shall be deemed to have admitted the truth of the complaint and each charge or specification.
5. The Judge Advocate will, after the expiration of the time mentioned in the notice or provided in Regulation 91-11, enter a decision in the cause declaring the accused guilty and imposing the prescribed penalty.
6. If the accused admits the charges, or if he fails, refuses or neglects to answer the charges contained in the complaint, within the time specified in the Notice hereinabove mentioned, the Judge Advocate shall prepare the decision in the cause and impose the specific mandatory penalty prescribed by The Code.
7. Any decision of the Judge Advocate entered pursuant to the provisions of this Regulation shall be forwarded to the Accused, Complainant, Lodge of which the accused is or was a member and to the Grand Secretary, in the same manner and to the same extent as if the decision had been duly and regularly entered by a duly constituted Trial Commission as provided in Chapter 95 of this Trial Code. [95-5.11].
8. The decision of the Judge Advocate shall be effective on the date that he enters the same, and when it has been duly filed in the office of the Grand Secretary, it shall be final unless reversed or modified pursuant to an appeal taken in the manner provided by law. [Chapter 98].
9. The provision of Chapter 96, entitled "OPENING DEFAULT"; of Chapter 98, entitled "APPEALS"; of Chapter 99, entitled "REHEARING" and of Chapter 101, entitled "RESTORATION AFTER SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION" shall apply to any and every decision entered and penalty imposed under this Regulation.
10. If the accused files an answer and denies that the person named in the complaint is in fact the person convicted by the criminal or civil court, the Judge Advocate shall appoint a Trial Commission as provided in Regulation 91-7.6 and thereafter all proceedings in the cause shall be in accordance with the provisions of this TRIAL CODE, without regard to the provisions of this Regulation.

REG. 91-13 SUMMARY TRIAL - GRAND MASTER. If no complaint, as described in the Trial Code, has been filed within sixty days after the commission of the act, or the discovery of the omission, a summary trial by the Grand Master may be held as follows.

1. If the Grand Master, after investigation, believes that any Mason as hereinafter mentioned in subsection two has violated, or has been a party to the violation of, the law of this Grand Lodge, he shall have the power and authority in his discretion to summarily try, and to punish, any such

Mason as provided in this Regulation. [90-14].

2. This Regulation and its subsections shall apply:
   A. To a brother who was, or is, an officer and/or a member of the governing board, of any organization whose membership in such organization is dependent upon affiliation with any Degree of Symbolic Masonry, and
   B. To any brother who was, or is, a member of any such organization if he was a party to any such violation.
   C. To a brother who has committed a felony under the laws of the United States, civil or military, or of the place where the act was committed.
   D. To a brother who comes within the provisions of Regulation 58-1.
   E. This Regulation shall apply only in such cases as are described in the foregoing Subsections A, B, C, D, and E. [13-2.10; 58-1; 59-4.1; 66-7].
3. The Grand Master shall have the power and authority to conduct such investigation as he may deem proper and to summon, over his signature and the seal of his office, any Mason to give testimony or to produce books, records documents, or other physical evidence in his possession pertaining to the case, under the penalty provided in Regulations 83-1.2, 87-13.2, and 94-21 for failure or refusal to comply with such summons or to give testimony.
4. The Grand Master may conduct such investigation and/or such summary trial, personally, or he may appoint one or more representatives, not to exceed five representatives, to conduct the same and to make recommendations to him, however, he shall determine the verdict and name the penalty over his official signature and the seal of his office. Each of such representatives shall have attained the rank of Master or Past Master of a subordinate lodge, and they shall be members in good standing of different subordinate lodges in North Carolina other than the lodge of which the accused is or last was a member.
5. The accused shall be informed in writing of the charge against him, and he shall be given not less than five days in which to be heard. He may have counsel, who shall be a Master Mason, and he may present testimony. The complaint or accusation and the summons to appear may be served on the accused either by delivering the same personally or by forwarding them by registered U.S. mail to his last known address, and Regulations 91-9.7, 91-9.8, and 91-9.9 shall apply. [87-19]. Any other paper or notice required in such case to be served on the accused or any other Mason, may be served upon him, or upon an attorney who has appeared for him or who has been appointed by him and it may be forwarded by ordinary first class U.S. mail to his last known address, or it may be served personally.
6. At the same time that the complaint or accusation is served on the accused, two certified copies of the same shall be filed with the Grand Secretary, and he shall enter the same on his Docket as required in Regulation 90-13, and within five days, he shall send, by first class mail, one certified copy thereof to the lodge of which the accused is or last was a member, if in North Carolina; and the provisions of Regulation 91-9.3 shall be observed. The Grand Secretary shall retain one copy of the complaint for his record.
7. The procedure thereafter shall be had as the Grand Master shall direct and in any such case it is not required that the Trial Code shall govern except as specifically set forth in this Regulation, or as the Grand Master may order.
8. In the event the accused is found guilty of the charge, the penalty shall be

suspension from all of the rights and privileges of Masonry, until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge; however, if the gravity of the offense justifies it, in the opinion of the Grand Master, or if the Code prescribes it, the penalty shall be expulsion. The provisions of Chapter 97 may also be applied in the discretion of the Grand Master. [13-4.11; 87-11].

9. A copy of the judgment in the case shall be filed with the Grand Secretary within ten days after it has been signed by the Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary shall within ten days serve certified copies thereof on the accused and on the lodge of which the accused is, or last was, a member and the provisions of Regulation 95-5.11 shall be observed by that lodge. If the lodge is located in another Grand Jurisdiction the said certified copy shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary of that Grand Jurisdiction.
10. Not less than fifteen days before the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge the Grand Master shall make a full report of his proceedings in the matter, and shall return to the Grand Secretary all testimony taken and all instruments, reports, and other documents, upon which the discipline was founded, all of which shall be referred to the Committee on Appeals as provided for in Chapter 98, as far as that Chapter can be made to apply to this Regulation, for its consideration and report to the Grand Lodge in the same manner as if an appeal had been perfected under that Chapter. If the penalty is suspension, it shall terminate at the close of that annual communication unless other action is taken in the case by the Grand Lodge. Regulation 98-12 shall also apply.
11. While the summary trial by the Grand Master as provided in this Regulation is pending, and has not been concluded, it shall be a bar to a trial of the accused for the same offense under the provisions of the Trial Code. Regulation 94-24 shall also apply. [91-4].
12. Any conflict between this Regulation or any subsection thereof, and any other law of the Grand Lodge, except the Constitution, shall be decided in favor of this Regulation.

CHAPTER 92

Challenge to Trial Commissioners

REG. 92-1 TIME. In any case within the time specified in the notice, the accused shall make and serve an answer to the complaint, and he may at the same time challenge one or more of the trial commissioners named in the notice for bias, actual or implied, consanguinity, affinity, association in business, or otherwise.

1. The complainant likewise and for the same reasons may challenge any trial commissioner within the time specified in said notice.
2. If the complaint has been served on the accused pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 91-12, and the accused files an answer denying the charges and specifications contained in the complaint, this Chapter shall apply to the challenge of trial commissioners thereafter appointed by the Judge Advocate.

REG. 92-2 MANNER. A challenge to a trial commissioner shall be in writing stating the reasons and facts upon which the allegation of bias or other cause is predicated, which reasons or facts shall be certified by the challenger to be pertinent and substantially true. Five copies of the challenge shall be filed with the Judge Advocate.

REG. 92-3 NOTICE TO COMMISSIONER AND REPLY. Within five days after the receipt of a challenge to a trial commissioner, the Judge Advocate shall furnish a copy thereof to the trial commissioner against whom the same is directed, who shall forward to the Judge Advocate his reply thereto.

REG. 92-4 DECISION OF JUDGE ADVOCATE. The Judge Advocate in his discretion may sustain or overrule a challenge to a trial commissioner. If he overrules a challenge, the effect shall be the same as if no challenge had been made. If he sustains the challenge, he shall name a substitute trial commissioner and shall by ordinary first class mail notify the accused and the complainant of such appointment.

1. The accused or the complainant may challenge a substituted trial commissioner provided the challenge is received by the Judge Advocate within ten days after the mailing of the notice of the substitution provided for in Regulation 92-4, but no more than three trial commissioners may be challenged by either the complainant or the accused.
2. When all challenges to trial commissioners have been concluded, the Judge Advocate shall cause all parties to be served with notice of the final appointment of the trial commissioners.

CHAPTER 93

Commissions to Take Testimony

REG. 93-1 STIPULATION OR APPLICATION. If either party desires the testimony of a witness who resides at a distance from the place of trial, the Judge Advocate and the accused, either in person or by his attorney, may stipulate that such testimony be taken by commission.

1. If either party refuses to stipulate, the party desiring such commission, upon at least five days notice to the adverse party of his intention so to do, may apply to the Chairman of the Trial Commission for a commission to take the testimony of such witness. [Trial Forms 10, 11, 12].
2. If on application the Chairman of the Trial Commission shall determine that the application is made in good faith and that the testimony sought to be taken is material to the applicant, he shall issue a commission.

REG. 93-2 COMMISSION ISSUED. The Chairman of the Trial Commission shall issue a commission to the Master, or to a Master Mason who is a member in good standing of a lodge convenient to the residence of the witness, directing and empowering him to serve as examiner.

1. If the testimony is to be taken in another grand jurisdiction, the said commission shall be forwarded through the office of the Grand Secretary of such grand jurisdiction with a request that, if consistent with the law of such grand jurisdiction, the commission be forwarded to the brother named therein, and that he be authorized to act under said commission to take the testimony of such witness. [Trial Form 12].
2. Any correspondence with another grand jurisdiction shall be handled through our Grand Secretary as provided in Regulation 43-11. [16-1.12; 16-1.26].

REG. 93-3 SUBMISSION OF INTERROGATORIES. At the time of applying for a commission or at such other time as shall be agreed upon or appointed by the Chairman of the Trial Commission or by the Judge Advocate as the case may be, the parties shall submit to him for settlement their respective interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, and he shall note his settlement thereof in writing upon both. [Trial Forms 13,14].

1. Interrogatories and cross-interrogatories shall each conclude with the question: "Do you know of anything concerning the matters at issue in this proceeding that may tend to the advantage of the complainant (or the accused as the case may be)?" "If your answer is Yes, state the same as fully and at the same length as if you had been particularly interrogated concerning the same." [Trial Forms 13, 14].
2. When the interrogatories and cross-interrogatories have been settled they, with the commission, shall be delivered to the Chairman of the Trial Commission or to the Judge Advocate, as the case may be, who shall transmit them to the examiner named in the commission, together with a copy of the complaint and answer.

REG. 93-4 EXAMINATION. Upon receipt of the commission the examiner shall fix the time and place for taking the testimony of the witnesses named therein.

1. The attendance of a Mason who is a witness at the time and place fixed by the examiner for taking his testimony shall be compelled, if necessary, by a summons issued and served as prescribed in Regulation 94-10 except that such summons may be signed by either the Chairman of the Trial Commission, the Judge Advocate, or the examiner. [83-1; 83-1.2; 87-13.2; 86-2.8; 94-21; Trial Forms 8, 9].
2. The examiner shall read to the witness the several interrogatories and cross-interrogatories addressed to him and shall take down or cause to be taken down, the answers thereto in the language of the witness and shall cause him to sign his name at the end of his deposition. [Trial Form 15].
3. The examiner shall attach his certificate thereto and return all papers and documents as he may be directed. [Trial Form 16].

REG. 93-5 USE AND OBJECTIONS. A deposition taken as provided in this chapter may in the absence of the witness be read in evidence by either party and shall have the same effect, and no other, as the oral testimony of the witness would have. Any objection to the competency of the witness, or to a question and answer, may be made as if the witness were being then personally examined, but an objection as to the form of a question only shall be waived unless noted upon the deposition.

CHAPTER 94

Proceedings before Trial Commission

REG. 94-1 PLACE FOR THE TRIAL. The place for the trial shall be in the Masonic District where the offense occurred, or where the accused resides, but the Judge Advocate for reasons satisfactory to himself may name any convenient place within the state.

REG. 94-2 PERSONS ADMITTED TO A TRIAL. No person shall be admitted to a trial except those who are directly required in the proceedings such as the parties and their attorneys, the witnesses, the trial commissioners, the stenographer, and the Judge Advocate, any witnesses who are not Master Masons in good standing shall be admitted to testify and shall immediately thereafter retire. [13-2.20].

REG. 94-3 FAILURE OF SERVICE. If the complaint and notice required by Regulation 91-9 have not been served upon the accused personally in any of the methods provided for in Chapter 91, and he has not filed an answer, the Judge Advocate shall send all papers in the case to the Chairman of the Trial Commission who shall thereupon fix a convenient time and place for the trial and shall designate some qualified brother to act as counsel for the accused, to whom the said chairman shall furnish a copy of the complaint together with notice of the time and place of trial, and the trial shall proceed as though a general denial has been made by the accused. [94-7; 94-22.3; 95-1.1].

REG. 94-4 NO ANSWER OR CHARGES ADMITTED. If the accused admits the charges, or if he fails, neglects, or refuses to answer after the complaint, he shall be deemed to have pleaded guilty to each charge and specification in the complaint.

1. The Judge Advocate shall send all papers in the case to the Chairman of the Trial Commission who thereupon shall fix a convenient time and place for the Trial Commissioners to meet for the purpose of fixing the penalty to be imposed, at which time and place the Judge Advocate shall be entitled to be heard, either in person or by his representative, duly appointed in writing. [94-4.2; 94-7].
2. If the accused pleads facts in mitigation of punishment, the Judge Advocate shall ascertain if the complainant is willing to accept as true the facts alleged in mitigation.
   A. If he is willing and the Judge Advocate approves, the same shall be deemed true and shall be considered by the Trial Commission in reaching its judgment.
   B. If he is not willing or if the Judge Advocate does not approve, the matter shall be set down for hearing on this issue only in the manner provided in Regulation 94-5. [94-7; 95-1.2].

REG. 94-5 CHARGES DENIED OR FACTS DISPUTED. In all cases in which the accused shall have answered denying the charges and specifications either in whole or in part or shall have pleaded exculpatory or extenuating facts which are not accepted as true by the complainant or the Judge Advocate, the Judge Advocate shall deliver to each member of the Trial Commission a copy of the complaint and all documents in connection with the case. The Chairman

of the Trial Commission shall thereupon fix a convenient time and place for the trial, notice of which he shall give to the accused and to all parties concerned by ordinary mail at least ten days before the date set if addressed to a locality in the State of North Carolina or in an adjoining state and at least twenty days prior thereto if addressed to a locality elsewhere. [94-7; 94-20; 95-1].

REG. 94-6 STENOGRAPHER. The Trial Commission may employ a Master Mason who is a stenographer who shall also act as clerk and his reasonable charges shall be a lawful expense of the trial and may be directed to be paid as other expenses of the trial are paid as provided for in Chapter 97.

1. If a stenographer is not employed, the testimony of each witness may be reduced to writing by question and answer and signed by him, or [94-22.2; 95-3.4].
2. The testimony may be taken on a recording machine, *provided*, the transcript thereof, or the recording itself, shall be authenticated by any member of the Trial Commission, the Judge Advocate, the stenographer, or clerk who was present when the recording was made.

REG. 94-7 REPRESENTATION. The complainant, the accused, and the intervener may be represented in person, or they may at their own expense be represented by Master Masons in good standing acting as their attorneys, such attorneys being appointed in writing. The Judge Advocate may in person or by his duly appointed substitute prosecute any case at any time when he deems it to be for the best interest of Masonry. [90-4; 90-17; 94-3; 94-22.3].

REG. 94-8 OATHS AND EXAMINATION. A witness who is a Mason shall testify by virtue of his obligations and without being sworn. One who is not a Mason shall first be sworn before some officer duly authorized to administer an oath, or if he shall refuse to be sworn, he shall affirm that the testimony he is about to give will be the truth. The form of oath for a profane shall be as follows: "Do you solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony which you shall give in the case pending against _____ shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God?" [94-20].

1. In case a witness refuses to be sworn, or to affirm, that fact shall be noted and his testimony taken notwithstanding, but the same shall be given such credence as the Trial Commission may accord to it.
2. The Chairman of the Trial Commission is authorized to administer the oath to any witness required to be sworn.
3. A Master Mason who is an unaffiliated or under sentence must be sworn or he must affirm as a profane.
4. A wife may be a witness against her husband.
5. The common law limitation as to cross-examination has no application in Masonic trials. When a witness is once introduced, either party may seek any information the witness possesses relative to the issues involved.
6. In Masonic trials, truth is the object aimed at, verbal technicalities and objections are not favored and should never be permitted to obstruct the ends of justice.
7. The credibility of any witness may be impeached.
8. Members of the Trial Commission may propound questions to witnesses testifying at the trial.

REG. 94-9 RIGHT TO CONFRONT WITNESSES. The accused shall have

the right to confront the witnesses against him except:

1. Where the witnesses have been examined by commission as provided in Chapter 93,
2. Where the accused has previously been tried, either in a Masonic trial or in a civil court, upon charges embracing the same offense and it is shown to the satisfaction of the Trial Commission that a witness who testified at such former trial is dead, insane, or cannot with due diligence be found within the State of North Carolina, in which case his testimony may be read in evidence upon any subsequent trial of the same charges, or
3. Where the accused has admitted the charges, or has failed, neglected or refused to answer the charges and the Judge Advocate has proceeded under Regulation 91-12.

REG. 94-10 SUMMONS OF A WITNESS. The attendance on behalf of either party of a witness who is a Mason, or the production of any books, records, documents, papers, correspondence, or printed matter in the possession of a Mason may be enforced by a summons on which no seal shall be required, signed by the Chairman of the Trial Commission or an examiner appointed under the provisions of Chapter 93, but no summons shall be signed by the Chairman or by the examiner until it bears the name of the witness whose attendance is desired and a brief description of the books, records, documents, papers, correspondence, written or printed matter to be produced. Such summons may be served by any of the methods provided for the service of a complaint in Chapter 91. The proof of service shall be returned to the Chairman of the Trial Commission or to the examiner as the case may be. [94-21; Chapters 83, 97; Trial Forms 6, 8, 9)].

REG. 94-11 RULES OF EVIDENCE. The rules of evidence established and recognized in courts of law of the State of North Carolina in the ordinary administration of justice including those which relate to the admissibility of testimony and the competency of witnesses, may be observed so far as may be consistent with the primary purpose of Masonic discipline and when they are not in conflict with specific Masonic law of the Grand Lodge or the ancient customs and usages of the Craft.

1. A Masonic trial is not required to use such rules, and in a case in which the complainant has introduced in evidence the record of the judgment of conviction of a state or federal court, the accused may introduce in evidence a certified copy of the entire record of the trial in which such judgment was rendered. [94-22.5.H].
2. *Ex-parte* affidavits or other documents shall not be admissible as evidence, *except* as provided by law or by consent of all parties. [23-1; 43-4; 94-9; 94-10; 94-12; 94-11.4].
3. Evidence that is merely hearsay shall not be used to sustain a charge of unmasonic conduct, but it may be used only to prove general reputation.
4. The official books and records of the lodge, the charter of the lodge and the official records of the Grand Lodge, or certified copies thereof, as well as the laws of the Grand Lodge are admissible as evidence and are proof of any fact contained therein. [23-1; 43-4].
5. Testimony given before the Trial Commission and reduced to writing shall be admissible in evidence on a subsequent trial of the same case.
   A. The testimony, or a copy thereof, shall be certified to as correct by the Trial Commission before whom the same was given

B. Both the prosecution and the accused, against whom said testimony is offered, must have had the opportunity for cross-examination of the witness while said testimony was being given.
C. Either party may reexamine the witness on such subsequent trial, if present, notwithstanding the former testimony of such witness may have been read.

REG. 94-12 CONVICTION - CIVIL OR MILITARY. If the Masonic offense is one of which the accused has been convicted in a state or federal civil or military court, the record of the judgment of such court properly certified or exemplified, or the published findings of a court-martial, shall be presumptive evidence of the commission of such offense and sufficient to justify a conviction. [94-15.4].

1. The presumption of identity of person arising from identity or substantial identity of names may be overcome by affirmative proof.
2. The presumption arising therefrom may be overcome by affirmative proof tending to establish the innocence of the accused of the offense described in such record of judgment.
3. The presumption arising therefrom may be overcome by affirmative proof that the judgment has been reversed or set aside. Pending an appeal from such judgment of conviction in a state or federal court, the Judge Advocate may in his discretion stay the Masonic trial without prejudice to the proceedings theretofore had therein.
4. A copy of the evidence taken before a civil examining court in a preliminary hearing shall not be used in a Masonic trial except by agreement of the parties thereto.

REG. 94-13 ACCUSED AS A WITNESS. The accused shall not be called as a witness by the prosecution.

1. The accused may if he so elects, be a witness in his own behalf.
2. If the accused is a witness in his own behalf it shall be competent for the prosecution to examine him as fully as to all the particulars of the case whether touched upon in his examination or otherwise.
3. The trial commissioners shall be the judges of his credibility and the weight to be given to his evidence.

REG. 94-14 APPLICATIONS TO CONTINUE. Applications to continue a trial may be granted by the Trial Commission in its discretion

1. For failure to secure service within the time or as required by Masonic law,
2. For absence of accused, of counsel, or of an important witness
3. On account of sickness, or
4. For any other just and equitable reason.
5. Application to continue such trials for a longer time than one month or to await the action of the civil courts on charges against the accused, shall be decided by a majority vote of the Trial Commission and be approved by the Judge Advocate. [94-22.4].
6. The Trial Commission in granting a continuance to an accused shall fix a specific time for the trial.
7. No postponement for an indefinite period shall be granted.
8. An erroneous indefinite postponement of a trial shall not be construed as a dismissal of the charges. [94-22.4].
9. On the first application no postponement of a trial, the purpose of which

shall be to await the action of the courts of the country, shall be granted for a longer period of time than three months.

10. If the courts have not acted within that time, the Trial Commission shall proceed to a trial of the charges unless in its sound discretion, upon application therefor and with the approval of the Judge Advocate, further postponement should be granted.
11. Before a second postponement of more than one month shall be granted, the testimony of all important witnesses of the prosecution shall be taken upon interrogatories before the Trial Commission or an examiner as provided for in Chapter 93 and reduced to writing and signed by each of said witnesses.
    A. The testimony shall be carefully preserved and shall be admissible on the subsequent trial of the accused if any such witness is not present thereat.
    B. In taking the testimony of witnesses as provided herein, they may be cross-examined by the accused or his counsel. [94-22.4].
    C. When the important testimony of any case has been reduced to writing and signed by the witness or witnesses, the Trial Commission with the approval of the Judge Advocate may grant additional continuances of the case for reasonable periods if there appears to be any just or valid reason therefor.
    D. Such postponements should not be granted in any case of gross immorality or of reprehensible conduct of an accused, a postponement of whose trial would appear condone the crime or tend to reflect upon the institution of Masonry.

REG. 94-15 ACQUITTAL BY THE CIVIL COURTS. The acquittal of a Mason by the civil courts of an alleged offense, of which he also stands charged in the Grand Lodge, shall not serve as a criterion for, or govern the action to be taken by the Trial Commission thereafter. The Trial Commission may proceed with the trial, notwithstanding, if the facts show that a Masonic offense has been committed. Each such case shall be governed by its own facts and the demands of Masonic justice tempered by the exercise of such charity as the circumstances justify.

1. The Masonic standing of a brother is determined only in a Masonic proceeding. The conviction or acquittal in a civil court is not of itself an adjudication of his Masonic standing. If convicted or not convicted by the civil court, he may under such circumstances be tried as provided by Masonic law as though the case had never appeared in court.
2. The procedure in the civil courts known as *nolle prosequi* cannot be used in Masonic trials. The literal meaning of that procedure is that the prosecutor is unwilling to prosecute and that he will proceed no further in his action. It leaves the charge of unmasonic conduct unsettled. It does not erase or close the permanent record of the case already made. There is no unequivocal judgment of "not guilty" which every Mason is entitled to have if he be adjudged innocent after a fair trial. A judgment of either innocence or guilt after trial would be a vindication of Masonry.
3. A complaint cannot be withdrawn, but it may be dismissed as provided by law. [91-7.5; 94-20; 94-22.5.I].
4. The term *civil court* as used in the Trial Code is hereby defined to be criminal or civil, State, Federal or Military Courts. [94-11].

REG. 94-16 TRUTH IS A DEFENSE. A Mason charged with defaming a brother or a profane may introduce evidence to establish the truth of the alleged defamation in mitigation of his fault.

REG. 94-17 TRIAL OF UNFINISHED MATERIAL. Trial of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft shall be conducted as nearly as possible with the same procedure employed in the trial of a Master Mason.

REG. 94-18 CLOSING ARGUMENT. At the close of the evidence the prosecutor may make his comments upon the business in hand, after which the defense shall be heard and the prosecutor shall have the right to close.

REG. 94-19 VACANCY ON TRIAL COMMISSION. If after the selection of the three trial commissioners, any of them should die, become disqualified, or become unable for any reason to serve, or should refuse to serve, the trial shall nevertheless proceed.

1. If two qualified commissioners remain, the vacancy may be left unfilled in which case the Judge Advocate shall name one of them as chairman.
2. In the event less than two remain, the proceedings shall be suspended until the vacancies on the commission are filled. [91-8].
3. On five days written notice, the Judge Advocate may remove any or all members of a Trial Commission who become disqualified or unable for any reason to serve, or for failure or refusal to act, or for unreasonable delay in acting, or for other reasonable cause.
4. He shall fill any vacancy that may occur in a Trial Commission after written notice to all parties to the case as in the first instance, *unless* all parties consent in writing to the appointment. [91-9.2].

REG. 94-20 POWERS OF CHAIRMAN. The Chairman of the Trial Commission shall fix a convenient time and place for the trial.

1. He shall rule on all motions to amend or dismiss any charge or specification.
2. He shall rule on the regularity or sufficiency of the service of citation and copies of the charges, and the return thereon.
3. He shall rule on the regularity and legality of the taking of depositions, and of motions to quash the whole, or any part thereof.
4. He shall rule on all questions of the materiality and admissibility of testimony.
5. He may allow or refuse amendments to the pleading after announcement of ready for trial has been made by both the prosecution and the accused.
6. He shall control the number of arguments to be made by each side and shall divide the time thereof equally, but the prosecution shall open and close the argument.
7. No appeal shall be taken from his decision to the Trial Commission, but he shall be responsible to the Grand Lodge for any abuse of his powers.
8. When a chairman is appointed, he shall be vested with all the prerogatives, powers, and functions usually exercised by the Master or by civil magistrates in the trial of causes, and he shall have power to summon a trial commissioner to attend.
9. He shall not have power to punish any brother who disobeys his lawful orders or who acts in a disorderly or disrespectful manner in the presence

of the Trial Commission, but the Trial Commission may do so as provided in Regulation 100-3. [8-1, 8-2; 94-5; 94-8; 94-15].

REG. 94-21 TESTIMONY OF A MASON COMPELLED. Any Mason who has been summoned to appear and give testimony for use in a Masonic trial or before a Trial Commission, who willfully fails or refuses to attend at the time and place designated, or who, appearing, refuses to answer questions or to give testimony shall upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a Masonic offense. [87-13.2; 93-4.1; 94-10; Chapter 83].

REG. 94-22 CONDUCT OF TRIAL. On the day designated for the trial the proceedings thereof shall be conducted as nearly as practicable in the following manner:

1. The Trial Commission shall assemble and sign a pledge upon their honor as Master Masons to render a fair and impartial decision according to Masonic law and upon the testimony presented at the trial which shall be filed among the documents of the case. The Judge Advocate shall prepare the form of pledge.
2. The chairman shall appoint a secretary, preferably a stenographer if one who is a Master Mason can be procured, who shall keep a correct record of the proceedings and of the testimony introduced. [94-6].
3. The chairman will see that the prosecution and the accused are represented in the manner and under the regulations provided in Regulations 94-3, 94-7.
4. If a motion for a continuance is presented by either side, it shall be heard and acted on by the Trial Commission. If granted, the chairman shall reset the date for the trial under the rules and regulations prescribed in Regulations 94-14; 94-14.6; 94-14.9.
5. If a motion for a continuance of a trial is overruled, the proceedings shall continue as nearly as practicable as follows.
   A. All motions to quash depositions, or to dismiss charges or specifications or to amend pleading shall be heard and acted upon by the chairman.
   B. The charges and specifications shall be read to the Trial Commission.
   C. The answer of the accused shall be read, or if it consists of a verbal denial or a plea of guilty, same shall be entered upon the minutes by the Secretary.
   D. The prosecution shall present its direct testimony.
   E. The accused shall present his testimony.
   F. The prosecution may present testimony in rebuttal.
   G. The accused may present testimony in rebuttal.
   H. The Trial Commission may permit any additional testimony by either side necessary to present all material facts. The introduction of testimony shall be governed by the provisions of this Trial Code as far as applicable, but the chairman is not restricted by technical rules employed in civil trials, and may exercise a reasonable discretion in admitting testimony which tends to throw light upon and to develop the essential facts; and in taking the testimony of witnesses as provided herein, they may be cross-examined. [94-8.5; 94-8.6; 94-11; 94-12; 94-11.2; 94-13].
   I. Upon the conclusion of the testimony the chairman shall hear and act

upon any motion to dismiss any charge and specification offered on the ground that it is not supported by evidence.

J. Arguments of counsel shall be heard. [94-18; 94-20].

6. The Trial Commission shall determine the verdict and if the accused is found guilty, shall vote on the penalty as provided in Chapter 95.
7. All subsequent proceedings relating to application for a new trial, appeal, and restoration shall be governed by the provisions of the regulations of this Trial Code applicable thereto. [Chapters 96, 98, 99, 101].

REG. 94-23 DEATH OR INCOMPETENCE OF PARTY. A prosecution to punish for a Masonic offense shall abate upon the death of the accused, or if he should become insane.

1. In the event a complainant shall die, or if he should become insane, or for any reason shall fail or refuse to prosecute while the case is pending and before the final judgment is rendered, the prosecution shall not abate, nor shall the case, for that reason, be dismissed or tried anew.
2. The Judge Advocate shall immediately designate, by a written order, a Master Mason in good standing to prosecute, or to continue the prosecution of the case, or do so himself. [94-4; 94-7; 94-22.3].

REG. 94-24 DOUBLE JEOPARDY. Where there has been a conviction or an acquittal upon a duly filed complaint charging an offense, and the case has been concluded by no appeal or by final action on appeal, it shall be a bar to another prosecution for the same offense. [91-13.11; 98-4].

CHAPTER 95

Determination & Decision of Trial Commission

REG. 95-1 VERDICT AND PENALTY. On conclusion of a trial in a proceeding in which the accused has answered denying the charges either in whole or in part, or has pleaded exculpatory facts, the Trial Commission by a majority vote shall determine the guilt or innocence of the accused and fix the penalty to be imposed, if any, unless the penalty is fixed by the law of the Grand Lodge.

1. On conclusion of a trial in a proceeding in which the accused has failed to answer, the Trial Commission, by a majority vote shall determine the guilt or innocence of the accused and fix the penalty to be imposed, if any, unless the penalty is fixed by the law of the Grand Lodge.
2. On the conclusion of a trial in which the charges are admitted and the accused pleads facts in mitigation, the truth of which is in issue, the Trial Commission by a majority vote shall determine the truth of such issue and fix the penalty to be imposed, if any, unless the penalty is fixed by the law of the Grand Lodge.

REG. 95-2 DELIBERATIONS. The trial commissioners shall not admit any person to their deliberations while arriving at a decision in a case. [13-2.20; 94-2].

REG. 95-3 PENALTY IMPOSED ON A BROTHER. A Trial Commission may inflict upon an individual Mason any of the following penalties. [43-3.19].

1. Expulsion, which terminates every vestige of Masonic rights and privileges. [87-12].
2. Suspension, which shall be for a definite period.
3. Reprimand, which shall be imposed in all cases where the charges are proven or confessed and where no other penalty is imposed.
   A. It shall be given in open lodge if possible, and by the Master or by a brother designated to do so by the Judge Advocate.
   B. In special cases when the presence of the accused cannot be reasonably required, as when it would require a large expenditure of money, long distance of travel, or for other valid and satisfactory reasons, in the discretion of the Judge Advocate the reprimand may be in writing, and a certified copy thereof served on the accused in any of the methods provided for the service of other documents in a trial.
   C. The reprimand, if in writing, shall be filed in the docket of the case in the office of the Grand Secretary.
   D. The Judge Advocate shall file a certified copy thereof with the lodge of which the accused is or last was a member and it shall be read at the next stated communication after its receipt and be entered upon the minutes.
4. The expense or a part of the expense of the trial, which may be imposed along with and in addition to one of the foregoing penalties, but only as provided in Chapter 97. [94-6; 97-1].
5. Except for the cost or a part of the cost of the trial, but one punishment or penalty may be imposed under one complaint. Where there is a conviction on two or more charges or on two or more specifications in the same

complaint, the trial commissioners shall have in view one adequate penalty for all the offenses for which there is a conviction.

REG. 95-4 PENALTY IMPOSED ON A LODGE. A Trial Commission may inflict upon a lodge any one or more of the following penalties.

1. Fine.
2. Forfeiture of charter.
3. Payment of the expense or a part of the expense of the trial.
4. Reprimand, which shall be inflicted in open lodge by a brother designated by the Judge Advocate.
5. In addition to the foregoing penalties, a Trial Commission may recommend to the Grand Master that the lodge charter be arrested until any other penalty imposed on the lodge has been satisfied or that it be arrested for a definite period of time, but not beyond the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.
6. The charter of a lodge shall not be declared revoked except by action of the Grand Lodge at an annual communication at which the findings of the Trial Commission have first been submitted to the Committee on Appeals and a report made by said committee to the Grand Lodge specifically recommending the revocation. [41-11; 41-13; 41-10; 95-2].

REG. 95-5 WRITTEN DECISION. After a Trial Commission has reached its determination in accordance with the provisions hereinbefore contained, it shall with all convenient speed and within fifteen days, cause a written decision to be prepared which shall contain its determination of the case.

1. The decision of a Trial Commission as required by Regulation 95-5 shall be signed by the trial commissioners concurring therein, shall state its conclusion with respect to the guilt or innocence of the accused with respect to each separate charge and specification contained in the complaint, and shall state the penalty imposed, if any.
2. It need not contain separate findings of facts or conclusions of law for each charge or specification. [95-5.13; Trial Forms 17, 19].
3. The decision of the Trial Commission shall be effective on the date rendered.
4. If the decision of the Trial Commission is not unanimous, a dissenting trial commissioner may express his dissent therefrom either at the end of the written decision of the majority or in a separate minority opinion either of which shall be signed by him. [Trial Form 18].
5. The Chairman of a Trial Commission shall cause the original and five copies of the decision to be filed in the office of the Judge Advocate. [95-5.13; 95-6].
6. On receipt of the decision of the Trial Commission the Judge Advocate shall review the record of the trial for errors in procedure and form.
   A. If he discovers any errors in either, he shall promptly return to the Chairman of the Trial Commission all papers in the case theretofore received from him with such suggestions as he may deem proper and necessary.
   B. The trial commissioners shall consider the same and take such further action and make such additional decision as they deem proper in the cause.
   C. If additional decision is made in the cause, copies thereof shall be

served on the same parties as the original decision and in the same manner.

7. If the Judge Advocate does not discover any error or when the final decision of the Trial Commission has been filed with him, he shall cause a copy of the decision rendered to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary who will enter the decision on his docket of the case.
8. Within five days after an appeal has been perfected, or the time for giving notice of an appeal has expired, the Judge Advocate shall forward the entire file of papers in the case making up the docket to the Grand Secretary who will carefully preserve all papers in the file and the said file shall not be subject to examination by any person except upon a written order signed by the Grand Master, the Judge Advocate or the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals, and they shall be kept subject to such disposition as may be ordered by the Grand Lodge.
9. Within five days after the date of any decision rendered by the Judge Advocate under Regulation 91-12, or within five days after the date a final decision is received by the Judge Advocate from a Trial Commission, the Judge Advocate shall cause to be served on the accused the complainant, the intervener, if any, and the lodge of which the accused is, or last was a member a certified copy of said decision together with a notice that an appeal may be taken as provided in Chapter 98, of the Trial Code.
10. A notice of appeal must be served on the Judge Advocate and the opposite party within forty-five days from the date of mailing the notice of the decision by the Judge Advocate. [98-6].
11. The Secretary of the lodge of which the accused is, or last was, a member shall read the decision of the Trial Commission at the first stated communication after he receives it and only the following record shall be made in the minutes of that communication, "Notice was received at this stated communication that Brother _____ was found (*not guilty or guilty*) of the charges against him for unmasonic conduct and that he had been (penalty here) therefor." The Secretary shall within ten days notify all lodges having concurrent jurisdiction with his lodge, of the final judgment in the case. [91-13.9; 91-9; 98-12; Official Form 49].
12. In a case where the accused is a member of a lodge located in another grand jurisdiction but is subject to trial under Regulation 90-5, notices to and correspondence with such lodge shall be sent through the office of our Grand Secretary, and the provisions of Regulation 43-11, shall be complied with. [Duplicated in 91-9.5; 98-11.2]. [93-2].
13. If the decision of a Trial Commission contains a recommendation that the charter of a lodge be arrested, the Chairman of the Trial Commission shall cause a certified copy of its decision and report as provided in Regulation 95-5.5 to be filed with the Grand Master for his consideration and action. [95-4.5; 95-5.5].

REG. 95-6 MINUTES AND EVIDENCE. At the time of filing its decision as hereinbefore provided, and along with said decision, the Chairman of the Trial Commission shall cause the minutes of all hearings and all exhibits which have been received in evidence to be filed with the Judge Advocate, from whose custody either party may withdraw his own exhibits if no appeal is taken within the prescribed time, and if he provides copies of the originals for the file. [95-5.5].

REG. 95-7 EFFECTIVE DATE. The decision of a Trial Commission shall be effective on the date that a majority of the trial commissioners agree thereto as provided by law, or on the date entered by the Judge Advocate. When a copy thereof has been filed in the office of the Grand Secretary as provided in Regulation 95-5.6, it shall be final unless reversed or modified pursuant to an appeal taken in the manner provided by law. [73-4.5.C; 91-12; 95-5.3; Chapter 98].

CHAPTER 96

Opening Default

REG. 96-1 APPLICATION FOR RELIEF. If the accused has failed to answer within the time specified for that purpose, or having answered, if he fails to appear at the time and place fixed for trial, he may apply to be relieved from his default.

1. An application for relief must be filed within six months from the date he was required to answer the complaint.
2. The application to open a default shall be by written petition forwarded to the Judge Advocate and containing a statement of petitioner's reasons and excuses for his default and a statement of facts tending to indicate that he is not guilty of the charges.
3. If the application to open a default is received before the filing of the report of the Trial Commission, the Judge Advocate shall forward the same to the Chairman of the Trial Commission.
4. If the application to open a default is received after the entire file in the case has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary, the Judge Advocate shall forward the same to the Grand Master for his attention.
5. No oral argument shall be permitted on an application to open a default.
6. In transmitting an application to open a default to the person authorized to pass thereon, the Judge Advocate may submit a written statement in opposition thereto.

REG. 96-2 GRANTING OR DENIAL OF APPLICATION. The granting or denial of an application to open a default shall be determined by a majority of the Trial Commission.

1. If the petition to open a default be granted, the Trial Commission shall fix the time and place for trial as if no default had occurred.
2. The Grand Master shall grant or deny the application by endorsing the same with his determination and in case of a denial with his reason therefor.
3. If granted by the Grand Master, the petition with his endorsement shall be transmitted to the Judge Advocate.
4. He shall forward all documents in the case to the same Trial Commission that first heard and tried the cause if they be available.
5. If they are not available, then the Judge Advocate shall proceed to appoint another Trial Commission as hereinbefore provided and proceed de novo with the hearing and trial.
6. If the Grand Master grants an application to open a default in any case where the decision has been rendered by the Judge Advocate under Regulation 91-12, the Judge Advocate shall appoint a Trial Commission as provided by the Trial Code, and said Trial Commission shall proceed with the hearing and trial de novo.

REG. 96-3 APPEAL OF DENIAL. If the petition to open a default be denied by a Trial Commission, their determination shall be filed with the decision and report of such Trial Commission when it is filed as provided in Regulation 95-5.5.

1. If it be denied by the Grand Master, his determination shall be transmitted

to the Judge Advocate who shall file the same in the office of the Grand Secretary and notify the petitioner of the action taken upon his petition.

2. The denial of a petition to open a default shall be subject to review on appeal in the manner provided in Chapter 98.

CHAPTER 97

Costs

REG. 97-1 ACTUAL EXPENSES. Costs shall include only the actual expenses of a trial and they shall be paid by the Grand Lodge unless the Trial Commission hearing the case shall determine that for special reasons, such as dilatory and noncooperative conduct, that the expenses of such trial should be paid in whole or in part by either party.

1. The Trial Commission shall include in its decision an order taxing the costs to either party or the Grand Lodge.
2. A decision taxing the costs to a party shall set forth the time in which it shall be paid which shall be a part of the judgment in the case until amended or revoked on appeal. [95-3.4].
3. If the decision taxes the costs or any part thereof to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Treasurer shall honor any voucher or draft therefor when it has been approved by the Judge Advocate.

REG. 97-2 FAILURE OF A PARTY TO PAY. When a Trial Commission imposes upon either party to a trial the payment of any costs and they have not been paid within thirty days, the Judge Advocate may order that the same, or any part thereof, be paid by the Grand Lodge. The payment by the Grand Lodge shall not relieve the party against whom it was awarded, and his continued refusal to reimburse the Grand Lodge shall be punished as a Masonic offense.

REG. 97-3 NO WITNESS FEES. No fees or compensation shall be paid to witnesses who are Masons to attend and give evidence in a trial. It is their duty so to do at the time and place fixed as provided in THE CODE. As to profane who may be witnesses, each party shall procure his evidence as best he can, the expense thereof he himself must bear.

REG. 97-4 COMPENSATION OF COMMISSIONERS. The compensation of the trial commissioners shall not exceed five dollars per day plus their actual expense.

CHAPTER 98

Appeals

REG. 98-1 DEFINED. A Masonic appeal is a proceeding to review a decision or act of the Grand Master, or the Judge Advocate, or the Chairman of a Trial Commission, or a Trial Commission, or a Master of a lodge, or a lodge, in order to review errors of law or fact alleged to have been made by either. The Grand Lodge has exclusive jurisdiction over all appeals arising out of Masonic trials, and it has final jurisdiction over all other appeals. [36-10.23.C; 41-11; 8-3; 101-7].

1. Where an appeal to both the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge is authorized by law, unless otherwise provided, it may be taken directly to the Grand Lodge.
2. For the procedure in appeals that do not arise out of Masonic trials, see Regulation 8-3. [34-1].
3. This Chapter applies only to appeals arising out of Masonic trials.

REG. 98-2 COMMITTEE ON APPEALS. The primary appellate authority of the Grand Lodge in all matters arising out of Masonic trials shall be exercised by the Committee on Appeals chosen in a manner provided by law of the Grand Lodge, which shall report to each annual communication of the Grand Lodge for its approval, modification, or disapproval in respect to all appeals determined by it during the preceding Masonic year and the decision of the Grand Lodge upon such report shall be conclusive upon all parties. [23-2; 34-7].

1. On review or appeal the Grand Lodge may reverse or affirm the judgment or order or modify the same in any way including the decreasing or increasing of the penalty.
2. It may, if necessary and proper, order a new trial. [98-10.5].
3. The Committee on Appeals may appoint at least two meetings during each Masonic year when it will sit to hear appeals.
4. Notice of meetings shall be filed with the Grand Secretary and by him promptly forwarded to the Judge Advocate and to all parties concerned in any appeals pending that could be heard and considered by the committee on the dates of its meetings.

REG. 98-3 MATTERS THAT MAY BE APPEALED. An appeal may be taken from any decision of a Trial Commission as a whole or from any part thereof, except in a case in which it has recommended the arrest of the charter of a lodge. An appeal may be taken from any decision denying a petition to open a default or from a decision of the Grand Master, or the Judge Advocate, or any lodge or Master of a lodge unless such appeal is expressly denied by any law of the Grand Lodge. An appeal may be taken from a decision of *not guilty*.

REG. 98-4 WHO MAY APPEAL. An appeal may be taken by the Judge Advocate, or by the accused lodge or individual brother, or by the complainant, or by any Master Mason in good standing who declares himself aggrieved by the decision, or by an intervener in the cause. An appeal from the decision rendered in any Masonic trial may be taken by the Judge Advocate by serving upon the accused lodge or brother a written notice containing a detailed statement of the

grounds of appeal, or by the accused, or the complainant by serving a like notice on the Judge Advocate, or by any Master Mason in good standing who declares himself aggrieved by the decision, or by any intervener who qualifies as provided in Regulation 90-19. [98-7].

REG. 98-5 PARTIES TO APPEAL. The parties to a Masonic appeal are respectively the appellant, who seeks the review, and the respondent, against whom the review is sought.

REG. 98-6 NOTICE OF APPEAL. The notice of appeal must be served on the opposite party and at the same time on the Judge Advocate, if he is not the appellant, within forty-five days of the date of service of notice of the decision of the Trial Commission upon the accused and the complainant.Notice of an appeal from any other order or action must be served within thirty days after the date of such order or action unless otherwise specified in the law. [90-17].

REG. 98-7 FILING APPEAL. The original and six certified copies of the notice of appeal shall be filed with the Grand Secretary within five days after the service thereof as provided in Regulation 98-6. The filing shall be deemed a jurisdictional requirement, failure to comply with which shall result in a dismissal of the appeal. [Trial Form 20].

REG. 98-8 NO EXTENSION OF TIME. There shall be no authority for any extension or variation of the time fixed in Regulations 98-6 and 98-7.

REG. 98-9 STAY OF EXECUTION. On application of the appellant after service of the notice of appeal, the Grand Master in his sole discretion may stay the execution of the sentence pending the final disposition of the appeal, otherwise an appeal shall not suspend the findings and judgment which shall remain in force until reversed or otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge.

REG. 98-10 PROCEDURE ON APPEAL. On the filing of a copy of the notice of appeal as provided for in Regulation 98-7, the Grand Secretary with all convenient speed shall transmit all papers pertaining to the case to the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals.

1. Notice of the submission or argument of an appeal must be served upon the opposing parties and upon the Judge Advocate in all cases at least ten days before the day in which it is to be brought on and may be given by either appellant or respondent. [Trial Form 21].
2. At least ten days before the date for the submission or argument of an appeal, the appellant shall serve his printed or typewritten brief or written argument upon the respondent, and at the same time file seven copies thereof with the Grand Secretary; and within five days thereafter the respondent shall serve his brief or written argument, similarly prepared, upon the appellant and file seven copies thereof with the Grand Secretary, but failure of either party to do so shall not prevent the Committee on Appeals from disposing of the appeal. [90-15; 90-17].
3. The Grand Secretary shall deliver five copies of the said briefs to the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and one copy of said briefs to the Judge Advocate.
4. An appeal shall be determined on the record of the case as filed in the office of the Grand Secretary, the briefs and written arguments of the parties, if

any shall have been filed, and on the oral argument of either party, if desired by him, who has filed a brief or written argument as provided in Regulation 98-10.2. New testimony will not be considered on appeal.

5. The decision on an appeal shall be affirmance modification of sentence, new trial, or reversal, as provided in Regulation 98-2.1, but no decision shall be reversed for technical irregularity or technical violation of the rules of evidence, unless injustice has been done by such violation. In case of reversal a new trial may be ordered in a proper case, or the Committee on Appeals may recommend such judgment as may seem just and proper to the end that complete justice may be done without requiring a new trial. [2-6.6; 98-2.1].

REG. 98-11 REVERSAL. Reversal of a decision suspending or expelling the accused, when approved by the Grand Lodge as provided in Regulations 98-2.1 and 98-10.5, shall have the effect of restoring him to all rights and privileges of Masonry including membership in the lodge of which he was a member at the time the decision of the Trial Commission was rendered.

1. If he was not a member of a lodge at that time, he would be restored to the status he then had and to no other. [74-5.5; 100-5].
2. In a case where the accused is a member of a lodge located in another grand jurisdiction but is subject to trial under Regulation 90-5, notices to and correspondence with such lodge shall be sent through the office of our Grand Secretary.
3. The provisions of Regulation 43-11, shall be complied with. [93-2].

REG. 98-12 MODIFICATION. If on appeal any former decision in the case is changed in any manner, a certified copy of the final decision shall be filed by the Grand Secretary with the lodge of which the accused is, or last was, a member, and the Secretary thereof shall make only the following record in the minutes of the first stated communication after he receives the amended decision: "Notice is received at this stated communication that the decision in the case against Brother _____, charged with unmasonic conduct, was reviewed on appeal and he was (show here the decision as changed on appeal)." [91-13.10; 91-9.1; 95-5.11].

REG. 98-13 MANDATORY APPEALS. In any case where the punishment imposed after a trial is expulsion, or arrest of charter, or in the case where the complaint has been dismissed, all papers in the case shall be laid before the Committee on Appeals by the Judge Advocate, whether or not a formal appeal has been taken as provided in this chapter, and the said committee shall proceed as if an appeal had been perfected hereunder. [16-1.13; 91-7.2].

REG. 98-14 APPEAL MAY BE ABANDONED. An appellant may abandon his appeal by written notice to that effect filed with the Judge Advocate, who will give due notice thereof to all interested parties.

CHAPTER 99

Rehearing

REG. 99-1 WHEN GRANTED. Within two years after the final disposition of any trial a rehearing may be granted by the Committee on Appeals, in its discretion upon a written application to that committee therefor by any party thereto.

1. No rehearing shall be granted except for newly discovered evidence tending to show the accused to be innocent.
2. The Committee on Appeals shall determine the procedure to be followed in rehearing each case, and from the decision rendered in such rehearing there is the right of appeal as in any other trial, or the committee may on its own motion rehear the case and render its decision and report to the Grand Lodge as provided for appeals in Chapter 98.

CHAPTER 100

Procedure for Contempt

REG. 100-1 SUMMARY TRIAL BY LODGE. Except as provided in Subdivision 18 of this regulation, in any case where a Masonic offense is committed in open lodge at any communication, no formal charges or service of notice shall be necessary to give the lodge jurisdiction; but it attaches at once, and the Master shall direct the Secretary to enter on the minutes of the communication a brief statement of the facts constituting the offense, such as: "Brother E. F. appeared in open lodge in the state of intoxication", or "in open lodge did use profane language", or "refused to be in order when called to order by the Master." [62-2.4; 90-5].

1. The Master shall thereupon direct the accused to show cause immediately why he should not be punished for his conduct.
2. If no showing is made, the lodge shall proceed to punish the accused as hereinafter provided.
3. If a showing is made, and for this purpose the accused may make his oral explanation, together with any showing he may have, whether to excuse or to mitigate his offense, the Master shall then require the accused, his attorney, and witnesses, if any, to retire from the lodge. A Master Mason's lodge being then open or labor being resumed therein, the Master shall then inquire: "Brethren, is Brother *E. F.* excused?"
4. The answer shall be by written ballot with the words *Yes* or *No*, and a majority affirmative vote shall be required to excuse the brother. [63-2].
5. If the brother be excused, no further proceedings shall be had in the lodge, but an appeal may be taken as hereinafter provided.
6. In case of a conviction, that is, if the accused brother be not excused and where no punishment is prescribed by law, the Master shall immediately inquire: "Brethren, shall Brother *E. F.* be expelled?"
7. The answer shall be by written ballot, with the words *Yes* or *No*, and a majority affirmative vote shall be required to expel the brother. [63-2].
8. If there be a majority for expulsion, the Master shall declare the accused expelled, which fact shall be entered on the minutes of the communication and stand as the judgment of the lodge.
9. If the punishment be prescribed by law, then no ballot shall be taken on that question, but the Master shall pronounce the punishment according to law and that shall be entered on the minutes as the judgment of the lodge.
10. If less than a majority vote for expulsion and the law does not prescribe the punishment, then the Master shall inquire: "Shall Brother *E. F.* be suspended?", and the answer to this question shall be given in the same manner provided above for a vote of expulsion.
11. If the majority vote for suspension, then the Master shall say: "I will now hear motions for the period of suspension."
12. This question shall be answered by a motion with not more than three amendments or substitutes, which shall be adopted by a majority of the vote by written ballot, each member of the lodge shall write his personal decision on his ballot regardless of the said motions. The balloting shall continue until a decision shall be reached.
13. If there is a conviction and if there is not a majority vote for suspension,

then without further action by the lodge the Master, or a brother designated by him, shall proceed to administer a reprimand, or the Secretary shall notify the brother to appear in open lodge for that purpose as early as practicable, the date to be fixed by the Master.

14. The Secretary shall notify the accused and the Grand Secretary immediately of the action taken by the lodge, and if the punishment is expulsion, he shall transmit six copies of the record to the Grand Secretary within ten days after the trial. If the accused is an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft, the proceedings shall be held in a lodge of the highest degree he has received, up to the point of balloting on the guilt or innocence and on the punishment, which balloting shall be had in a Master Mason's lodge. [98-13; Official Form 27].
15. The word *Master* as used in this regulation shall also mean the brother presiding at the time.
16. The accused brother, or any member of the lodge in which such proceedings are had, who declares himself to be aggrieved at the decision of the lodge, may appeal to the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge in the same manner as in other appeals and the procedure shall be as nearly as possible as provided in Chapter 98 on Appeals. [45-23.20;].
17. The summary procedure prescribed and authorized in this regulation shall be used only when the trial takes place at the same communication at which the offense in open lodge was committed.
18. It shall not be used against the Master of any lodge, nor any officer of the Grand Lodge during his term of office, or against any District Deputy Grand Master during his term of service. [90-7].
19. The neglect to proceed, as hereinbefore provided, shall not bar future charges for unmasonic conduct in the manner provided in this Trial Code.

REG. 100-2 BEFORE THE GRAND LODGE. In matters of discipline of officers or members of the Grand Lodge, or of brethren in attendance, for unmasonic conduct during a communication of the Grand Lodge whether during hours of labor or refreshment, it may try and punish, at its discretion, any such member or any brother in a summary manner or it may follow the procedure of the Trial Code so far as it may be made to apply to each case. [13-4.11].

REG. 100-3 BEFORE A TRIAL COMMISSION. In any proceedings before a Trial Commission in the event of any contemptuous conduct by any Mason thereat, whether associated or connected with the proceedings or otherwise, the Trial Commission may summarily punish such Mason, and the procedure prescribed in this chapter shall be observed so far as it may apply to such cases. [94-20].

REG. 100-4 MEMBERS PRESENT MUST VOTE. For the purpose of this chapter, every member of the lodge present must vote unless excused by the lodge. The Master has no authority to excuse a member from voting. Blank ballots shall not be counted. This regulation shall apply to similar proceedings in the Grand Lodge. [36-10.3; 63-4].

REG. 100-5 RESTORATION TO MEMBERSHIP. In a proceeding under this chapter in a subordinate lodge, a brother who is suspended shall automatically be restored to membership in the lodge at the expiration of the term of

suspension without further action by the lodge. The Secretary shall notify the Grand Secretary of such restoration. If he is expelled, restoration to membership shall be as provided in Chapter 101. [Official Form 28].

REG. 100-6 APPEAL. The verdict or judgment of a lodge acting as Trial Commission under this chapter may be appealed to the Grand Lodge as provided for in other such cases, and the judgment rendered shall be certified by the Trial Commission in the same manner and to the same parties as in other judgments provided for in the Trial Code.

CHAPTER 101

Restoration after Suspension or Expulsion

REG. 101-1 APPLICATION FOR RESTORATION. After the expiration of one year from the date of a decision or sentence of expulsion, a repentant brother may apply for restoration to Masonic rights and privileges, but restoration after expulsion is a voluntary act on the part of the Grand Lodge and shall not be claimed as a matter of right. [74-5.5; 74-5.6;].

REG. 101-2 RESTORATION AFTER SUSPENSION. Expiration of a term of suspension for a definite period shall operate as a restoration to membership at the termination of the period without any action by the Grand Lodge or the lodge except to note that fact in its minutes. [49-4.7; 74-5.4; 98-11].

REG. 101-3 RESTORATION - UNFINISHED MATERIAL. In the case of an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft the restoration shall be to the rank and lodge relationship he held before expulsion or suspension.

1. Regulations 73-4.5.A, 74-5.9, and 101-3, define the status of an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft after restoration.
2. The Grand Secretary shall promptly notify the lodge of the action taken by the Grand Lodge on the application for restoration by an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft.
3. No Grand Lodge certificate, Official Form No. 52, shall be issued unless the lodge has ceased to exist.
   A. If the lodge has ceased to exist the certificate shall be issued if the applicant is restored.
   B. The certificate shall be valid in all respects as if issued under Regulation 49-4.6.
4. The provisions of Regulation 73-6, do not begin to operate until the date of restoration. [42-13; 49-10.1; 76-2.1].

REG. 101-4 UNAFFILIATED MASON. In the case of one unaffiliated or nonaffiliated he shall be restored to the status he had at the time of his conviction and to no other. [74-6; 76-10; 78-1; 74-7].

REG. 101-5 APPLICATION FOR RESTORATION. An application for restoration shall be in writing to the Grand Lodge which shall be filed with the Grand Secretary at least ninety days before the annual communication. The application shall contain a statement of the complaint or charge upon which the applicant was tried and a statement of the grounds upon which he seeks restoration. [Trial Form 25].

1. The original application and six duplicate originals of the application, made by carbon process or photocopy, shall be filed with the Grand Secretary who shall promptly lay all papers in the case, including five copies of the application, before the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals.
2. A true and complete copy of said application shall be served by the applicant on the lodge of which he was last a member if it is in existence not less than ninety days before the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and the lodge may follow the procedure in Regulation 101-6.

A. The service on the lodge may be made by Registered or Certified United States Mail addressed to the Secretary with return receipt requested, or it may be made by personal delivery to the Secretary of the lodge and his receipt obtained.
B. The proof of such service shall be attached to the application when filed with the Grand Secretary as provided in the preceding Regulation 101-5.1.
C. A lodge by a majority vote at a stated communication and on written request of the applicant may waive all or any of its rights under the ninety day period for filing a copy of the application.

3. If the lodge of which the applicant was last a member no longer exists, then a true and complete copy of the application shall be filed with the Judge Advocate not less than ninety days before the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. The Judge Advocate, if he deems it for the good of Masonry, may follow the procedure that the lodge could have followed if it were in existence.
4. One expelled, or one suspended *while under the judgment of suspension*, is not qualified to apply for restoration:
   A. If he has been convicted, or has plead guilty, or entered a plea of *nolo contendere*, and has been sentenced by any state or federal court civil or military, for the same offense for which he was tried and punished under this CODE, or for a felony under the law where the offense was committed and said sentence or judgment has not been satisfied and discharged,
   B. If he is then under sentence or judgment of any such court for the violation of any law of the land involving moral turpitude or heinous conduct, or [66-1.11].
   C. If his citizenship has not been restored in the event it was lost by such conviction and sentence.
   D. He shall attach to his application for restoration evidence of or a statement showing full satisfaction of and compliance with all of Subdivisions A and B, also a certified copy of the judgment restoring his citizenship, if Subdivision C applies to his case. [Trial Form 25].
5. An applicant may requests that privilege to appear before the Committee on Appeals in his application. By permission of the Committee on Appeals through its chairman, under such rules as he may make, an applicant may appear before that committee in person or by attorney to pursue his application for restoration.
6. No action can or shall be taken on an application for restoration after expulsion unless the procedure required by this Regulation has been fully complied with, and the applicant is not disqualified under Regulation 101-5.4.

REG. 101-6 OBJECTION BY LODGE. When the copy of the application for restoration as required in Regulation 101-5.2, is received by a lodge, it may present a petition to the Grand Lodge in opposition to granting restoration to the applicant.

1. The petition shall be in writing, adopted at a stated communication, signed by the Master and the Secretary of the lodge under its seal, with the date of adoption.
2. It shall set forth any reason that the lodge may see fit to offer.
3. The original of the petition and six duplicate originals, made by carbon

process or photocopy, shall be filed with the Grand Secretary not less than thirty days before the annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

4. The Grand Secretary shall at once lay five copies before the Committee on Appeals and one copy shall be forwarded to the applicant for restoration.
5. By permission of that committee through its chairman, under such rules as he may make, the lodge may appear before the committee by its Master or other duly-appointed representative to be heard on its petition, *provided,* application therefor is made in said petition. [45-3.4.C; 67-2; 68-1; 101-5.3].

REG. 101-7 RESTORATION AFTER EXPULSION. An application for restoration after expulsion shall be referred to the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge, and the adoption by the Grand Lodge by a majority vote of a favorable report of that committee, or its own motion, restores the applicant to all the rights and privileges of a nonaffiliated Mason without further action, but it does not restore him to membership in any lodge.

1. A Grand Lodge demit shall be issued to him without cost. [34-7.2; 73-4.5.A; 74-5.5; 74-5.6].
2. The Grand Lodge of its own motion, or upon the said application, may restore one who has been expelled, *provided,* he is not disqualified for restoration under Regulation 101-5. [36-10.23.C; 98-1].

REG. 101-8 TERMINATION OF SUSPENSION. The penalty of suspension inflicted by a Trial Commission, or by the Judge Advocate under Regulation 91-12, or by the Grand Master under Regulation 91-13, or by the lodge under Chapter , may be terminated at any time before the expiration of the term by the Grand Lodge.

1. Termination shall immediately restore the brother to his former status or to all his former relations with his lodge and the Craft.
2. The Grand Lodge of its own motion, or upon an application as *provided* for in Regulation 101-5, may restore one who has been suspended before the expiration of the term of suspension, provided, he is not disqualified under Regulation 101-5. [74-5.5; 74-5.6; 98-1; 101-4; Trial Form 25].

REG. 101-9 NOTICE OF ACTION. The Grand Secretary shall promptly advise all interested parties of the action taken under the provisions of Regulations 101-7 and 101-8. The Secretary of the lodge shall notify each lodge having concurrent jurisdiction with his lodge of the day action was taken on an application for restoration within ten days thereof. [59-12.19.H].

REG. 101-10 EXPELLED - OTHER JURISDICTIONS. The penalty for any unmasonic conduct inflicted on a member of a lodge in this state by the proper authority in another recognized grand jurisdiction shall be the same and shall have the same effect, in all respects, as if the penalty had been applied after due trial in this state. A member of a lodge in this state who has been suspended or expelled by the proper authority in another recognized grand jurisdiction shall be restored first according to the law of that grand jurisdiction before he is qualified to seek restoration in our jurisdiction. [90-6].

CHAPTER 102

Trial Forms

REG. 102-1 FORMS NOT MANDATORY. The forms set forth in this chapter are given primarily as suggestions and guides; any of them may be varied to meet the needs of the case in hand. [17-9.2].

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APPENDIX A

OFFICIAL FORMS

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 1

PETITION FOR DISPENSATION TO FORM A NEW LODGE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in North Carolina:

The undersigned petitioners, being Master Masons, having the prosperity of the fraternity at heart, and willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Freemasonry, and for the convenience to their respective dwellings and for other good reasons respectfully represent: That they are desirous of forming a new lodge at.....in the County of..... (which is.....miles from....., the nearest lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction), said lodge to be named....., which is not the name of any living person.

They, therefore, pray for a dispensation to empower them to assemble as a regular lodge, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner according to the ancient forms of the Order and the Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

They have nominated, and do hereby recommend, Brother.....to be the first Master, Brother.....to be the first Senior Warden, and Brother..... to be the first Junior Warden of the said lodge.

If the prayer of this petition shall be granted, they promise a strict conformity to the edicts of the Grand Master, and to the Constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge.

Dated at....., N. C., this.....day of....., A.D., 19.....; A.L. 59.....

Respectfully submitted,

Name	Lodge	No.	Location

Notes:
1. Read carefully Chapter 44 of THE CODE.
2. The printed part of this form shall not be changed.
3. Use white paper size 8½" x 14".
4. Write on one side only.
5. Use typewriter and also type beneath each name as signed.
6. All names must be signed and typed in full.
7. Not less than twenty Master Masons must sign the petition.

(39-2).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 2

PETITION FOR CONSENT OF A LODGE IN ORGANIZATION OF A NEW LODGE

To.....Lodge No......, A. F. & A. M.
....., N. C.

Brethren:

A proper petition has been duly signed for the organization of a new lodge in territory which will affect your lodge, to be known as..... .....Lodge, U. D. and to be located at.....in.....County, North Carolina,.....miles from your lodge in an air line.

We fraternally petition your lodge to consider this as our request under Chapter 44 of THE CODE for your consent to the organization thereof, and we do further respectfully request that a proper certificate of your action hereon be forwarded to the Grand Secretary and a copy thereof to the undersigned who has been proposed as the Master of said new lodge.

Dated at....., North Carolina, this..... day of..... , A. D. 19 ..... ;
A. L. 59.....

.....
Proposed as Master
(Address for mail).....

Notes: 1. See Chapter 39 of THE CODE.
2. A petition substantially in this form shall be sent to each lodge interested in the formation of the new lodge. (39-4.1).
3. This form may be changed to meet the needs of each case.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 3

CERTIFICATE OF CONSENT TO THE ORGANIZATION OF A NEW LODGE

To the Grand Secretary
The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina
Raleigh, N. C.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the petition of certain brethren to organize and open a new lodge to be known as.....Lodge, U. D., to be located at..... ....
in.....County, North Carolina, was..... , and the consent of this
(Note 4)
lodge was.....at a stated communication held on ..... , 19 ..... ,
(Note 5)
at which a legal quorum was present.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of.....Lodge No. ..... , A. F. & A. M.,
at....., N. C., this.....day of....., A. D. 19 ....; A. L. 59 ..... .

.....
Secretary

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

Notes: 1. Make an original and one copy of this certificate.
2. The original is to be mailed to the Grand Secretary. (39-4.2).
3. The copy is to be mailed to the brother proposed as Master of the new lodge.
4. Insert here *approved* or *not approved* as the lodge may decide.
5. Insert here *given* or *withheld* as the lodge may decide.
6. The printed part of this form shall not be changed.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 4

CERTIFICATE OF A CERTIFIED LECTURER IN THE FORMATION OF A NEW LODGE

IN RELATION TO THE PETITION FOR.....LODGE, U. D., at..... in..... County, North Carolina, I do hereby certify that I have personally examined the brethren hereinafter named, who have been proposed as the Master, Wardens, Deacons, and Stewards of the proposed new lodge, and I have found them as a group to be fully capable of conferring the three Symbolic degrees in Masonry, and of delivering the entire lectures thereunto pertaining, to wit:

.....proposed as Master
.....proposed as Senior Warden
.....proposed as Junior Warden
.....proposed as Senior Deacon
.....proposed as Junior Deacon
.....proposed as Steward
.....proposed as Steward

Given under my hand, this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59..... My commission as Certified Lecturer expires....., 19.....

.....
Certified Lecturer

Note: The foregoing form of certificate may be changed to make it convey the actual facts as found by the Certified Lecturer.
(39-2.6E).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 5

CERTIFICATE OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER IN THE FORMATION OF A NEW LODGE

IN RELATION TO THE PETITION FOR ..... LODGE, U. D., at..... in.....County, North Carolina, I do hereby certify that I have personally examined the brethren whose names appear below who have been named as the Master and Wardens of the proposed new lodge, and I have found them to be proficient in the law and procedure of administering a lodge; to wit:

Brother.....who has been proposed as Master
Brother.....who has been proposed as Senior Warden
Brother.....who has been proposed as Junior Warden

I further certify that a safe and suitable lodge room has been provided for the new lodge; that each brother who has signed the petition for the new lodge is a Master Mason, which I have determined as required by Regulation 39-2.6(F3) of THE CODE; that the establishment of the new lodge is of manifest propriety and will be conducive to the good of the Craft; that the petitioners have provided sufficient funds to defray all the expenses of the organization of the proposed new lodge.

Given under my hand this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

District Deputy Grand Master
.....Masonic District

Note: The foregoing form of certificate may be changed to make it convey the actual facts as found by the District Deputy Grand Master.
(39-2.6F).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 6

DISPENSATION FOR A NEW LODGE
THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NORTH CAROLINA
BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

To All and Every Our Worshipful and Loving Brethren—Greeting:

KNOW YE, That the Most Worshipful....., Grand Master, at the humble petition of our well beloved Brethren.....of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Freemasons, and for certain other reasons, moving our Most Worshipful Grand Master, doth hereby constitute the said brethren into a regular lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, to be opened at.....in the County of.....by the name of..... At their said request, and from the great trust and confidence reposed in each of the said brethren, the Most Worshipful Grand Master doth hereby appoint.....Master,.....Senior Warden, and.....Junior Warden, for opening the said lodge and governing the same until the first annual communication of the Grand Lodge after the date of this dispensation.

It is required of our Friend and Brother.....to take special care that all and every of the said brethren of the said lodge, as well as those hereafter to be admitted into our body by said lodge, be regularly made Masons; and that they do and observe and keep all the Constitution, Regulations, and laws of our Grand Lodge, and that the Ancient Landmarks be strictly attended to; and further, that he do cause to be entered in a book kept for that purpose, an account of the proceedings of said lodge which, when done, is to be transmitted to the Grand Lodge with a list of those initiated, passed, and raised, and otherwise disposed of under his authority.

(SEAL OF THE GRAND LODGE) Given at....., North Carolina, under the hand of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Great Seal of Masonry, this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Grand Master

Attest:.....
Grand Secretary

Note: The printed part of this form shall not be changed.
(39-7.7).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 7

PETITION FOR A CHARTER

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina:

The subscribers hereto respectfully represent that, on the.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59....., a dispensation was issued by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina for the establishment of a new lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, at.....in the County of....., by the name of.....Lodge, and that said lodge has worked regularly since that time as appears from the transcript of its records, by-laws, and returns herewith presented.

They, therefore, now pray that a charter be granted to the said lodge, with the following officers, to-wit: Brother....., Master; Brother....., Senior

Warden; and Brother....., Junior Warden. And they do promise, as heretofore, a strict conformity to the edicts of the Grand Master, and to the Constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge.

Given under our hands on this the.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

Respectfully submitted,

....

(Note 7) (Note 7)

Notes:
1. Read carefully Chapters 44 and 45 of THE CODE.
2. The printed part of this form shall not be changed.
3. Use white paper, size 8½" x 14".
4. Write on one side only.
5. Use typewriter and also type beneath each name as signed.
6. All names must be signed and typed in full.
7. The petition must be signed by each Master Mason member of the lodge under dispensation, but not less than twenty Master Masons.

(39-7.7)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 8
CHARTER OF A LODGE

SIT LUX ET LUX FUIT

NO..... 1787

WE
THE GRAND LODGE OF
ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN AMPLE FORM ASSEMBLED, ACCORDING TO THE OLD CONSTITUTION, REGULARLY AND SOLEMNLY ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF PRINCE EDWIN AT THE CITY OF YORK, IN GREAT BRITAIN, IN THE YEAR OF MASONRY 4926, viz:

The Right Worshipful.....Deputy Grand Master
The Right Worshipful.....Senior Grand Warden
The Right Worshipful.....Junior Grand Warden

DO BY THESE PRESENTS

appoint, authorize, and empower our worthy Brother.....to be the Master, our worthy Brother.....to be the Senior Warden, and our worthy Brother.....to be the Junior Warden of a lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, to be, by virtue hereof constituted, formed, and held in ....., which lodge shall be distinguished by the name or style of..... Number ....., and the said Master and Wardens, and their successors in office are hereby respectively authorized and directed, by and with the consent and assistance of the members of the said lodge present upon such occasions, to elect and install the officers of the said lodge as vacancies happen in manner and form as is, or may be, prescribed by the Constitution and laws of this Grand Lodge.

And further, the said lodge is hereby invested with full power and authority to assemble upon proper and lawful occasions to make Masons, and to admit

members, and also to do and perform all and every such acts and things appertaining to the Craft, as have been and ought to be, done for the honor and advantage thereof, conforming in all their proceedings to the Constitution and laws of this Grand Lodge; otherwise this warrant and the powers thereby granted are to cease and to be of no further effect.

Given under our hands and the seal of our Grand Lodge at the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, in the United States of America this.....day of..... in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and.....and in the year of Masonry Five Thousand Nine Hundred and.....

....

Grand Secretary Grand Master

Note: The text of this form cannot be changed, but the arrangement thereof for engraving or printing may be changed by the Grand Secretary.

(40-4).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 9

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING (NOT VALID OUTSIDE OF NORTH CAROLINA)

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP UNDER CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP PLAN BETWEEN LODGES IN NORTH CAROLINA ALSO FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW LODGE WITHIN NORTH CAROLINA

.....Lodge No....., at....., N. C.

Mr.....

.....

(Present address)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Brother.....whose name and address
(Name in full)

appears above, and who has signed his name in the margin hereof, Ne Varietur, is a member of this lodge on this date, and that he is not under any charges for un-Masonic conduct and that his dues are paid to December 31, 19..... This certificate is issued under the provisions of
(Note 1)
Regulation 75-15 of THE CODE of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina; and if the said brother is duly elected to membership in any regularly chartered and constituted lodge, within North Carolina, or if he should become a member of a new lodge under dispensation within North Carolina under the provisions of Chapter 39 of THE CODE on or before December 31, 19....., then this certificate shall serve, and shall be considered, as a demit from this lodge effective as of the date of such election, or as of the date such new lodge is instituted, as the case may be. This certificate will be VOID and of no effect or value after December 31, 19.....
(Note 1)
His Masonic record is shown below.

Ne Varietur

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said lodge at....., N. C., this.....day of ....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Secretary

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

(Address for mail).....

MASONIC RECORD

He was born at....., on....., 19..... He was Initiated....., 19.....; Passed....., 19.....; and Raised....., 19..... He was Master in....., 19....., and a Warden in....., 19..... He was elected to membership in this lodge on a....., on....., 19....., issued (Note 6) by.....Lodge No....., located at..... His membership was broken and was restored as follows: (give each date)

....., 19....., cause....., restored....., 19.....

....., 19....., cause....., restored....., 19.....

He has had continuous membership in this lodge since....., 19.....

Notes:
1. These dates must be the same and must be not less than four months in advance of the date of this certificate. (77-2.5)
2. If the brother named herein is not under charges, and if his dues are paid for the entire current year, or for the entire year next succeeding, but for not less than four months in advance on the date this certificate is issued, then the certificate may be issued by the Secretary without action by the lodge.
3. The Masonic Record must be completed.
4. The printed part of this form except the Masonic Record shall not be changed.
5. The Masonic Record in this form may be changed or arranged differently by the Grand Secretary.
6. Insert here *demit* or *certificate of good standing* as the case may be.

(75-15; 76-3.3; 77-2.5)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 10

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP UNDER THE CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP PLAN BETWEEN LODGES IN NORTH CAROLINA

.....Lodge No....., at....., N. C.

To the Grand Secretary .....19.....
The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In re:.....

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the brother named in the caption was formerly a member of.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., located at....., N. C., and that he was duly elected to membership in this lodge, or became a member thereof, on....., 19....., upon a CERTIFICATE OF GOOD (Note 2)
STANDING issued by that lodge on....., 19....., to the effect that he was under no charges for un-Masonic conduct and that his dues were paid therein to December 31, 19....., under the provisions of THE CODE at (Note 3)
Regulation 75-15. He should be dropped from the roll of membership of his former lodge as of....., 19....., in the same manner as if a DEMIT (Note 2)
had been issued to him on that date. Please forward this certificate as required by THE CODE.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the lodge this.....day of....., A. D. 19....., A. L. 59.....

.....
Secretary

(Address for mail).....

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

Notes:
1. Two copies of this certificate must be sent to the Grand Secretary who will make his record, retain one copy, and send the other copy to the lodge issuing the certificate of good standing with the proper instructions. (Official Form 11).
2. Both of these dates must be the same.
3. This date must agree with the certificate of good standing.
4. The printed part of this form shall not be changed.

(75-15)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 11

CERTIFICATE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP UNDER CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP PLAN BETWEEN LODGES IN NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh, N. C.,....., 19.....

To.....
Secretary

.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.

....., N. C.

Dear Brother Secretary:

In re:.....

1. Take notice that your former member named in the caption has affiliated with.....Lodge No....., A. F. A. M., at....., N. C., according to the attached certificate of election to membership.

2. You will therefore drop his name from your roll of membership as if he was demitted by your lodge on....., 19.....

3. Enter this record on the minutes of the first stated communication of your lodge after it is received.

4. Make the usual report thereafter to this office on the form for reporting the doings at the stated communication, and also on your annual return, showing this brother as demitted with the date thereof as shown in Paragraph 2 above.

Fraternally yours,

.....
Grand Secretary

Notes: 1. The Grand Secretary will attach to this form one copy of the certificate of election received from the lodge. (Official Form 10).
2. The printed part of this form shall not be changed.

(75-15).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 12

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AND REQUEST FOR DEMIT TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP UNDER CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP PLAN FROM ANOTHER GRAND JURISDICTION

.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., located at....., N. C.

To the Grand Secretary ..... 19 ..... .
The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina
Raleigh, N. C.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Brother....., at present a member of.....
Lodge No....., ... located at.....was duly elected to membership in our lodge on....., 19....., subject to the receipt of his demit from his lodge; and we hold a receipt, or certificate, under seal of his lodge showing that his dues are paid therein to....., 19..... Herewith we send you a request, or application, in writing addressed to his lodge for a demit for the purpose of completing his membership in our lodge, and we respectfully request that you forward the same through the proper channels in our behalf.
(Note 4)

Fraternally yours,

.....
Secretary
(Address for mail).....

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

Notes:
1. Two copies of this certificate must be sent immediately to the Grand Secretary after the election of the applicant under Regulation 75-16.
2. Attach to this form the original request, or application, for the demit.
3. The printed part of this form shall not be changed.
4. Insert here the proper title, such as *A. F. & A. M.*, or *F. & A. M.*, etc.

(75-15)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 13

LETTER OF TRANSMISSION BY GRAND SECRETARY TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP UNDER CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP PLAN FROM ANOTHER GRAND JURISDICTION

Raleigh, N. C.,....., 19.....

Dear Brother Grand Secretary: File.....

In re:.....

The attached request, or application, for demit is self-explanatory; and we will appreciate your forwarding this document to your.....Lodge No. ..... at .....; and if it be proper and consistent with your procedure, we ask that the requested demit be issued and returned to us through your office. We make this request because our law requires that a demit from another grand jurisdiction be certified by its Grand Secretary. Will you please certify the demit, if granted, and forward to us. Also, please complete and return to us the attached Masonic history form relating to this brother.

Sincerely and fraternally,

.....

Grand Secretary

Notes: 1. Attach to this form the original request, or application, for the demit.

2. This form may be changed by the Grand Secretary.

(75-16)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 14

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES

WHEREAS, it is for the best interest of Masonry, and of this lodge in particular, that it consolidate with.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., (Note 1)

at....., North Carolina,..... and.....at.....as provided for in Regulation 48-01 of THE CODE of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, and:

WHEREAS, it is believed by the undersigned that said lodge is (or lodges are) (Note 2)

willing to enter into proceedings for such consolidation:

NOW BE IT RESOLVED: That.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M. of....., North Carolina, propose and agree to a consolidation under Chapter 48 of THE CODE of the said Grand Lodge.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., at....., North Carolina, (....., or (Note 1)

either or any of them which may agree thereto).

RESOLVED FURTHER: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to .....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., at....., North Carolina, (.....) with the request that it (or they) fraternally consider favorable (Note 1)

action thereon by the adoption of a similar resolution.

Submitted by,

....., 19..... .....

Notes: 1. If more than two lodges are interested in the consolidation, make the form to read that way by inserting the proper names, numbers, locations and other facts.

2. Strike out the unnecessary words.

3. This form may be changed to meet the need of a particular case.

4. Make a certified copy of the entire resolution finally adopted and comply with Regulation 48-1.9 of THE CODE. (Official Form 15).

5. The resolution must be signed by the proposer.

6. See Official Form 16.

(48-1.1)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 15
FORM OF NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP RELATIVE TO CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES

.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.
....., N. C.,....., 19.....

TO ALL MEMBERS:
TAKE NOTICE that at the stated communication of this lodge to be held ....., 19....., at.....M., at the regular meeting place in....., North Carolina, a resolution proposing and agreeing to a consolidation of this lodge with .....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., at....., North Carolina, (.....) will be acted upon. Your attendance is desired.
(Note 3)

.....
Secretary

Notes: 1. This form may be changed to meet the conditions of each case.
2. It shall be mailed under sealed cover, first-class mail, addressed to each member at his last known address for mail.
3. If more than two lodges are interested in the consolidation, make the form to read that way by inserting the proper names, numbers, locations, and other facts.

(48-1.3)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 16

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:

1. At a stated communication of.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., of....., North Carolina, held....., 19....., as provided in its by-laws, a quorum being present, a resolution, a true copy of which is attached hereto, was read and laid over to a subsequent stated communication.
2. On....., 19....., at a stated communication duly held as provided in its by-laws,.....members of said lodge being present, the said resolution was read again, discussed, and upon a vote there were.....votes for its adoption and.....votes against its adoption.

WITNESS our hands and the seal of the lodge this.....of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Master

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

.....
Secretary

Notes: 1. This form may be changed to meet the conditions of each case.
2. A copy of the resolution, Official Form 14, as finally adopted must be attached hereto.

(48-1.9).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 17

_____ LODGE NO. _____, A. F. & A. M.

_____, NORTH CAROLINA

PETITION FOR DEGREES

Dated _____ at _____, N. C.

Phones

Residence (____) _____

Business (____) _____

Facsimile (____) _____

Petition Status		Degrees	
Read	_____	EA	_____
Elected	_____	FC	_____
Rejected	_____	MM	_____

E-mail address _____

TO THE MASTER, WARDENS, AND MEMBERS

I, _____, being a free man and of
(Instruction 2) Print your COMPLETE name First, middle, other middle, surname, suffix

full age of _____ years, do acknowledge my belief in the existence of one ever-living and true God and do declare that, unbiased by improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, I

Freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the Mysteries of Masonry and am prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution. I have a desire for knowledge and a sincere wish to be of service to my fellow creatures. I am possessed of sufficient means to enable me to meet the charges of initiation and the support of membership in the Craft without detriment to my family or connections. I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the order and I am aware that Freemasonry offers no pecuniary benefits to its members and am satisfied that I have been fully informed on the financial obligations I shall incur as a member of the Lodge. I agree that all verbal or written communications made in connection with this petition, and as to my character and qualification for admission into Freemasonry, shall be privileged.

Please answer the following questions completely.

Birth Date _____ Place _____
city or postal area, county, state, country

Father's Full Name _____
First, middle, other middle, surname, suffix

Mother's Maiden Name _____
(Instruction 3) First, middle, other middle, surname

Wife's Maiden Name _____
(Instruction 3) First, middle, other middle, surname

Present Residence Address _____
(Instruction 4) number, street/ RFD, Apt., city, state, zip-code

How long have you lived at this address? _____ years. If less than TWO YEARS, list previous addresses:

From _____ To _____ At _____
number, street/ RFD, Apt., city, state, zip-code

_____ To _____ At _____
number, street/ RFD, Apt., city, state, zip-code

Current Mailing Address _____
number, street/ RFD, Apt., city, state, zip-code

Is this lodge, to which you make this petition, the nearest Masonic Lodge, measured in an air line, to your present residence?

_____; if answer is "No," what Masonic Lodge is nearest? _____ _____ _____ _____
"Yes" or "No" (Name) (No.) (Location) (State)

Have you petitioned for degrees in Masonry before? Yes/No If Yes, please provide particulars:

Year	Lodge Name	Number	Located in	Action taken

My Social Security No. is _____

Have you any physical disabilites or defects? Yes/No If yes, please describe in detail.

_____

NC Form 17

PETITION FOR DEGREES, Page 2

Have you ever pleaded to or been convicted of a felony? Yes/No If Yes, please provide date and place.

_____

_____

My present occupation is _____
(Instruction 5)

My present employer is _____

at _____
number, street, city, state, zip-code

My Supervisor _____ Telephone _____

I have been employed by this business for _____ Years. If less than 5 Years, please provide employment history for the period. Include service in the armed forces.

From	To	Employer	Address	Occupation/Title

My references are:
(Instruction 6)

Full Name	Position/Title	Telephone Residence	Business
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

I have served in the Armed Forces Yes/No Branch _____ From _____ To _____

Highest Rank/Grade Attained _____ Type of Discharge _____ Veteran of _____

Have you been a member of the Order of DeMolay? Yes/No If Yes, where _____

I have carefully reviewed the statements made by me in this petition, and upon my honor, delcare them to be true.

Fee enclosed $ _____ _____
sign your name in full

We, the undersigned members of the lodge, personally acquainted with the petitioner, cheerfully recommend the Petitioner as a fit and proper candidate for the degrees of Masonry.

I have known the petitioner for _____ years _____ / _____
Sign Print

I have known the petitioner for _____ years _____ / _____
Sign Print

I do hereby certify that I have checked the foregoing petition against the records in this office and find the following:

_____

Dated at Raleigh, N. C._____ _____
Grand Secretary

Instructions

1. Every item on the form must be answered. The printed part of this form shall not be changed, but the Grand Secretary shall arrange this form for printing.
2. The petitioner must show his full name where required on the form, and he must himself sign his name in full. If he has no middle name, then put NMN. If he has an initial only, then put the letter and circle it, thus (B); example, "John (B) Smith," or "John NMN Smith". *Print or type FULL NAME where first required on the line at the top of this form.*
3. The *correct* last names must be shown. Show the *first, middle,* and *last* names *before marriage.* If not married, show *single, widower,* or *divorced.*
4. The residence of a petitioner is the place where he ACTUALLY RESIDES. Do not give a post office box number as residence. Give house number, street, city or town, and state. If the petitioner was born, or resides, in an area where houses and streets are not identified by names or numbers then he must answer by a clear statement such as, example, *R.F.D. No 1, on State Highway 18, about three miles north of Raleigh, N.C.*
5. Concerning occupation, do not use *clerk, salesman, manager, solicitor* or any other indefinite term, but state also the particular kind of business or employment such as *office clerk (insurance, fire or life, retail shoes, etc.); salesman (retail or wholesale, groceries, hardware, etc.); manager (local insurance agency, retail coal, etc.); or solicitor (newspaper advertising, subscriptions, etc.)*
6. The references should be persons who know the petitioner well; they should be, but are not required to be, Master Masons.

NC Form 17

APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION

(See instructions on the back)

Read _____, 19___
Elected _____, 19___
Rejected _____, 19___

To the Master, Wardens, and Members of

The subscriber, a Master Mason, and _____ (Note 2) a member of _____

Lodge No. _____, located at _____, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____, respectfully applies for membership in your lodge. If found worthy, he pledges himself to cheerful obedience to your laws and the ancient usages of Masonry. Accompanying this application is _____ (Note 3). He freely and voluntarily answers as follows: Date of birth _____, 19___ Place of birth _____ (City, Town or Post Office), _____ (County), _____ (State). His occupation is _____ (Note 10)

He is employed by _____

Business address _____ (Number) _____ (Street, Apt., or R.F.D.) _____ (City, Town, or R.F.D.) _____ (State)

Father's Name: _____ (First Name) _____ (Middle Name) _____ (Last Name)

Mother's MAIDEN Name: *(Note 11)* _____ (First Name) _____ (Middle Name) _____ (Last Name)

Wife's MAIDEN Name: *(Note 11)* _____ (First Name) _____ (Middle Name) _____ (Last Name)

Residence address _____ (Number) _____ (Street, Apt., or R.F.D.) _____ (City, Town, or R.F.D.) _____ (State)

Address for Mail _____ (Number) _____ (Street, Apt., or R.F.D.) _____ (City, Town, or R.F.D.) _____ (State)

Degrees were conferred in _____ Lodge No. _____, at _____

as follows: E.A. _____, 19___; F.C. _____, 19___; M.M. _____, 19___

He presently is or has been a member of the following lodges, beginning with the one in which he received the degrees:

YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP From	To	LODGE NAME	NO.	WHERE LOCATED
_____, 19___	_____, 19___	_____	_____	_____
_____, 19___	_____, 19___	_____	_____	_____
_____, 19___	_____, 19___	_____	_____	_____
_____, 19___	_____, 19___	_____	_____	_____

Have you ever been rejected by a lodge? _____ If yes, name, number and location _____

My Social Security Account No. is _____.

Dated at _____, N. C., this _____ day of _____, 19___

(Print or type) NAME IN FULL _____ (First Name) _____ (Middle Name) _____ (Last Name)

(Applicant sign NAME IN FULL) _____ (First Name) _____ (Middle Name) _____ (Last Name)

Recommended by _____ (Recommenders SIGN in these blank spaces) and _____,

(Print or type) _____ (Recommenders type or print names in spaces), members of

_____ (Lodge Name) No. _____

I do hereby certify that I have checked the foregoing application against the records in this office and find the following: _____

Dated at Raleigh, N. C. this the _____ day of _____, 19___

_____
Grand Secretary

Notes:

1. The printed part of this form shall not be changed, but it may be arranged differently by the Grand Secretary for printing.
2. Insert here *now* or *formerly*, as the case may be.
3. Insert here *his demit*, or a *request* for a *demit* and his *dues receipt card*, or a *Certificate of Good Standing* (N. C. Official Form No. 9.), or its equivalent if from another grand jurisdiction, as the case may be. (75-16; 75-16.2; 75-15).
4. If the application is made under the continuous membership plan, then read carefully Chapter 83 of THE CODE and attach hereto the documents mentioned therein.
5. If this application is made on a regular demit, then read Chapter 75 of THE CODE and comply fully therewith.
6. This application is not complete, and it shall not be received or balloted upon, unless the documents required by the law are attached.
7. Report each lodge of which the applicant has ever been a member, giving all information asked for if possible, including all *dual* and *plural* memberships. If none to report, so indicate on the first blank line.
8. Report each lodge electing or rejecting the applicant, with the year thereof, if possible.
9. Before the lodge ballots on this application be sure that it has been completed; read to, and received by the lodge; sent to the Grand Secretary for checking and recording, and received with his certificate. Be sure also that the Committee of Investigation has reported, that the applicant has been properly vouched for as required by Reg. 75-8, and that all other requirements of THE CODE have been complied with.
10. In giving the occupation do not use *clerk, salesman, solicitor*, or any other indefinate term, but state also the particular kind of business or employment such as *office clerk (insurance, fire or life, retail shoes, etc.)· salesman (retail or wholesale groceries, hardware, etc.); manager (local insurance agency, retail coal, etc.) solicitor (newspaper advertising or subscriptions, etc.).*
11. The *correct* last names must be shown here. Show the *first, middle* and *last* names *before marriage*, and if the applicant is not married show *single, widower*, or *divorced*, as the case may be.
12. Show at the top of application the type of membership, if *dual*.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 19

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION

Dated at....., N. C.
....., 19.....

Brethren:

In re:

You have been appointed a Committee of Investigation on the.....of
(Note 1)
the subject. He was born....., 19....., at..... His occupation is ....., and he is employed by....., whose address is ..... . He resides at .....and says that he has resided there for..... He says that he has .....physical defects. That he was .... discharged from the Armed Forces of the U. S. A.
(Note 6)

He gives as references:

Name	Address	Occupation

He is recommended by Brothers..... and.....of this lodge.

READ CAREFULLY THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE. When you have satisfied yourself by personal investigation and diligent inquiry as to his residential, moral, physical, and mental qualifications, and as to his physical condition and other characteristics and are ready to make your report, either favorable or unfavorable, please use the form below and file it with the Secretary on or before the stated communication to be held....., 19.....

Fraternally yours,

.....
Secretary

REPORT

We, the Committee of Investigation on the....., as indicated above,
(Note 1)
for.....in the lodge, beg leave to report that, having made careful
(Note 2)
investigation and diligent inquiry as directed in the above letter, WE HAVE CONFERRED, and we recommend that.....favorable action be had thereon. We further report that each member of the committee has complied with the instructions on the back of this page, and we understand that the answers to the questions on the back hereof comprise, and are, a part of this report. ....., 19.....

.....
.....
.....
Committee

Notes:
1. Enter here *petition for the degrees, application for affiliation, or application for restoration,* as the case may be.
2. Enter here *degrees, affiliation, or restoration,* as the case may be.
3. The printed part of this form shall not be changed.
4. Members of the committee shall MEET AND CONFER before making up the report. (67-3.6).
5. THIS FORM WITH THE REPORT SHALL BE DESTROYED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BALLOT IF THE NAMED SUBJECT HAS BEEN DECLARED REJECTED.
6. If never in the service say *never.* If ever discharged from service, show *type* of discharge received.

INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION:

The best interests of the Masonic Fraternity demand that a CAREFUL INVESTIGATION be made of the character, standing, and mental and physical condition of those seeking admission. It is imperative, therefore, that your investigation of this petitioner be thorough. These points should be observed:

1. Does each member of the committee have *personal* knowledge of the qualifications of this petitioner as set forth in Regulation '66-1? _____
(Yes or *No)*
If he does *not* have such *personal* knowledge, has he seen the petitioner in person?_____
(Yes or *No)*
2. You must ascertain whether or not the petitioner conforms to the physical qualifications required by THE CODE.
3. You must ascertain if he has resided within the State of North Carolina for one year, and within the jurisdiction of this lodge for six months, immediately preceding the date of his petition for the degrees. Does he comply with this?.....
Yes or *No*
4. You must ascertain if the petitioner is mentally qualified to receive the degrees in Masonry. Is he so qualified?.....
Yes or *No*
5. You must ascertain if he is morally fit to be received into the Craft. Have you done this?.....
Yes or *No*
6. You must ascertain if his neighbors, acquaintances, and employers believe him to have a good character. Have you done this?.....
Yes or *No*
7. You must ascertain if the organizations to which he belongs may impair his usefulness to the Craft. Have you done this?.....
Yes or *No*
8. If the applicant is asking for affiliation or restoration only, then Items 1, 2, and 3 do not apply, but you must ascertain if he is a Master Mason and in good standing.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 20

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO RECEIVE THE DEGREES

.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.
....., N. C., ...19.....

Mr.....
.....

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in notifying you that on....., 19....., you were elected to receive the degrees in Masonry. You are requested to present yourself at the lodge room located at.....on.....at.....M., for the degree of Entered Apprentice.

If for any reason you cannot appear at the time stated herein, please notify me as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

.....
Secretary.

Notes: 1. This form may be altered or changed to suit the need of a particular case.
2. A copy of this notice should be kept by the Secretary for at least one year.

(69-1; 69-2).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 21

NOTICE OF REJECTION OF PETITIONER

_____Lodge No._____, A. F. & A. M.
_____, N. C._____, 19_____

Mr._____
_____

Dear Sir:

I deeply regret to have to inform you that at a stated communication of _____Lodge No._____, A. F. & A. M., held on _____, 19_____, your petition for the degrees in Masonry was denied.

I call your attention to the fact that all ballots on petitioners for the degrees are secret ballots, and that it is possible that some member of our lodge could have made a mistake in casting his ballot.

You are privileged to petition again after one year from....., 19_____, and I shall be glad to assist you in preparing your petition at that time.

The amount of $_____, which accompanied your petition at the time of presentation, is respectfully returned.

Respectfully yours,

_____
Secretary

Notes: 1. This form may be altered or changed to suit a particular case.
2. The dates here must be the same.

(68-4).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 22

APPLICATION FOR ADVANCEMENT AFTER SIX MONTHS

To the Master, Wardens, and Members of
.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.
....., N. C.
The subscriber (*An Entered Apprentice) of said lodge respectfully applies to
(*A Fellow Craft)
be advanced therein. This application is made in conformity with Regulation 73-6 of THE CODE.
Dated at....., N. C., this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
(Full Name of Applicant)

*Note: If an Entered Apprentice, strike out Fellow Craft; if Fellow Craft strike out Entered Apprentice. The printed part of this form shall not be altered or changed.

(73-6).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 23

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY

.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.

....., N. C., September....., 19.....

Mr.....

.....

Dear Brother:

Complying with the requirements of Regulation 77-19 of THE CODE of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina, I herewith inform you that the amount owing by you to this lodge on this date is as follows:

Arrearage—Dues for 19_____ — $_____

Current —Dues for 19_____ — _____

FULL AMOUNT DUE — $_____

You are hereby NOTIFIED that unless the FULL amount due is paid on or before the stated communication of this lodge, to be held on November....., 19....., at.....M. at....., N. C., you must show cause at that stated communication why you should not be excluded for nonpayment of dues, or the lodge will at that time consider and act upon your delinquency.

You will please take due notice hereof and govern yourself accordingly.

Fraternally yours,

.....

Master

(Note 2)

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

ATTEST:

.....

Secretary

(Note 2)

Notes: 1. This notice must be used in connection with Regulation 77-19 between the first and the fifteenth of September each year.

2. The notice and the name of the Master may be written, printed, or mimeographed, or indicated by similar process, but the Secretary must sign his name and affix the seal of the lodge thereto.

3. It must be forwarded to the last known address of the member by first-class mail in a sealed envelope with return address thereon. Registration is not required, but it may be used.

4. The printed part of this form shall not be changed.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 24

SECRETARY'S REPORT OF DELINQUENT MEMBERS AND HIS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATION 77-19

November....., 19.....

(The first stated communication in November)

To the Master, Wardens, and Members of
.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.
....., N. C.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on September....., 19 ....., and in full conformity to Regulation 77-19 of THE CODE I mailed an official notice of delinquency in all respects required by that regulation, to each of the following named members of the lodge who on THIS date owe *any* amount for dues.

NAME OF MEMBER	LAST KNOWN ADDRESS	AMOUNT DUE
.....	.....	$.....
.....	.....	$.....

.....
Secretary

Notes: 1. The foregoing report and certificate of the Secretary must be used in connection with Regulation 77-20.
2. List on the report only the members who at the first stated communication of the lodge in November owe *any* amount for dues; read the report and certificate to the lodge at that communication and enter it on the minutes.
3. The printed part of this form shall not be changed.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 25

NOTICE OF EXCLUSION FOR NONPAYMENT OF DUES

....., N. C., ..., 19.....

Mr.....

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Dear Brother:

Pursuant to Regulation 77-20 of THE CODE of The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, you were excluded from membership in this lodge on....., 19....., for nonpayment of dues. If you desire
(Note 2)
to reinstate your membership and will let us know, we will be glad to advise you what must be done.

Fraternally yours,

.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

.....

Secretary

Notes: 1. This form of notice should be mailed promptly after the member is excluded for nonpayment of dues, and it may be altered or changed to suit the particular case.

2. Show here the date the member was excluded.

(77-20).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 26

APPLICATION FOR RESTORATION AFTER EXCLUSION FOR NONPAYMENT OF DUES

To the Master, Wardens, and Members of
.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.
....., N. C.

THE UNDERSIGNED PETITIONER respectfully represents that he was excluded for nonpayment of dues by your lodge on the.....day of....., 19.....

He now encloses $.....in full payment of the amount due by him to the lodge at the time he was excluded.

He now most respectfully prays to be restored to his former Masonic rights and privileges and to be readmitted to membership in the lodge.

He promises, if restored, to comply strictly with the laws and regulations of the said lodge and of The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.

His occupation is....., and he is employed by..... whose address is ..... He has physical defects as follows:..... He resides at ..... and has resided there for.....years. He was.... .....discharged (Note 3)

from the Armed Forces of the U.S.A. His Social Security Account No. is.....
His Armed Forces Serial No. is.....

Father's Name: ....
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Mother's MAIDEN Name: ....
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Wife's MAIDEN Name: ....
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Dated this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
(Name in FULL)

.....
(Street No. or P. O. Box for Mail)

.....
(City or Town and State)

Notes: 1. The printed part of this form may be changed to meet the needs of a particular case.
2. It is not necessary to forward this application to the Grand Secretary, but list it on the report, Official Form 49, for the stated communication at which it is received and read, and also when action has been taken thereon by the lodge.
3. If never in the Armed Forces say "never". If ever discharged from service show "type" of discharge received.

(77-2.2A).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 27

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION FOR UN-MASONIC CONDUCT ONLY

(To be used only in connection with Chapter 100, Procedure for Contempt)

.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.
....., N. C.,....., 19.....

To the Grand Secretary
The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina
Raleigh, N. C.

IT IS CERTIFIED that at.....communication of this lodge held on (Note 1)
the.....day of....., 19....., ... a..... and member (Note 2) (Note 3)
of.....Lodge No....., at....., was.....from all the rights (Note 4) (Note 5)
and privileges of Masonry for un-Masonic conduct.

Witness my hand and the seal of this lodge this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Secretary

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

Notes: 1. Insert here *an emergent* or a *stated* as the case may be.
2. Insert here the full name of the brother.
3. Insert here *Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft,* or *Master Mason* as the case may be.
4. If a brother was a member of the lodge insert here *this;* if he was a member of another lodge, give name, number, and location.
5. Insert here *expelled* or *suspended for.....years,* as the case may be.
6. The printed part of this form shall not be changed.

(Chapter 100).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 28

NOTICE OF RESTORATION AFTER SUSPENSION FOR UN-MASONIC CONDUCT

(To be used only in connection with Chapter 101)

.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.
....., N. C.,....., 19.....

To the Grand Secretary
The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina
Raleigh, N. C.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that, at a stated communication of.....Lodge No....., held on the.....day of....., 19....., Brother....., ... (Note 3) (Note 4)
was restored to.....
(Note 5).

In Testimony whereof I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the lodge on this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

(SEAL OF THE LODGE) .....
Secretary

Notes: 1. The printed part of this form may be changed to meet the needs of a particular case.
2. Use this form to report only restorations under Chapter 101. Also, further report must be made on Official Form 49, *Doings at a Stated Communication.*
3. Insert here the FULL NAME of the brother restored.
4. Insert here *an Entered Apprentice,* or *a Fellow Craft,* or *a Master Mason,* as the case may be.
5. If the restored brother is a Master Mason insert here *all the rights and privileges of Masonry and readmitted to Membership in this lodge.* If the restored brother is an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft, then insert here *his status in this lodge at the time of his separation.*

(100-5; 101-2).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 29

SUMMONS

(For general purposes)

.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.
....., N. C., ..., 19.....

To Brother.....
.....

You are hereby SUMMONED to attend a.....communication of this lodge on....., the.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L....., at.....
(Note 3)
.....o'clock.....M., at the hall of said lodge for the purpose .....
(Note 2)

A failure to obey this summons in person must be for reasons satisfactory to the lodge.

.....
Master

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)
ATTEST:

.....
Secretary

Notes: 1. The printed part of this form shall not be changed.
2. The purpose must be stated.
3. Insert here the day of the week, such as *Monday.*

(Chapter 83).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 30

CERTIFICATE OF PERSONAL SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the.....day of....., 19....., I personally delivered to Brother.....at....., N. C., and left with him,.....true copies of ..... I further certify that I personally know the said.....
(Note 2)
to be the same person named and described in said.....
(Note 2)

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am a Master Mason and on this date a member of.....Lodge No..... located at....., N. C. Dated this..... day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
(Name of Brother Serving Documents)

Notes: 1. This form may be changed to meet the needs of a particular case.
2. Show here identification of the documents.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 31

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the.....day of....., 19....., at.....,
N. C., I served.....true copies of.....upon Brother.....,
(Note 2)
named in said.....by depositing said copies in the United States Post
(Note 2)
Office at....., N. C., securely enclosed in a full prepaid wrapper (and by registered mail with return registry receipt requested) addressed to the said Brother at....., N. C., being his last known address.

Dated at....., N. C., this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Secretary of.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.
....., N. C.

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

Notes: 1. This form may be changed to meet the needs of a particular case.
2. Show here identification of the documents.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 32

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE due service of....., this.....day of
(Note 2)
....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
(Signature of Brother)

Notes: 1. This form may be changed to meet the needs of a particular case.
2. Show here identification of documents.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 33

CERTIFICATE FOR A WIDOW OR FOR AN ORPHAN OF A DECEASED MASON

Ne Varietur

.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.

To All to Whom These Presents May Come — Greeting:

KNOW YE that....., whose name is written in the margin hereof, is the .....of our late beloved Brother....., who departed this life....., 19....., and who was at the time of his death a member in full and regular standing of.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., which said lodge was, at the time of his death, working under a charter from The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.

Issued the.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Master

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

Attest:

.....
Secretary

Note: The printed part of this form shall not be changed.

(74-8; 74-9)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 34

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

Ne Varietur

To All Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons Throughout the Globe Greeting:

KNOW YE, That our worthy Brother....., who has signed his name in the margin hereof, is a regular Master Mason, a member of ....Lodge No..... located at ..... in the State of North Carolina, and as such we desire and recommend that he be received and accepted by the Craft wherever dispersed over the face of the Globe. This certificate shall not be valid for the purpose of visitation unless the brother named herein shall exhibit herewith his annual identification card for the then current year, issued by and under the seal of this lodge.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Lodge, this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Master

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)
Attest:

.....
Secretary

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that.....Lodge No....., as named in the foregoing certificate, is a regular lodge working under the jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.
This.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Grand Secretary

(SEAL OF GRAND LODGE HERE)
Note: The printed part of this form shall not be changed.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 35

APPLICATION FOR A DEMIT

....., 19.....

To the Master, Wardens, and Members of
.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.
....., N. C.

The undersigned respectfully prays to withdraw from the membership of your lodge, and asks for a demit to that effect.

Respectfully yours,

.....

Note: This form may be altered or changed or the request may be made in any form of writing which definitely requests the demit.

(76-3)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 35-A

CERTIFICATE OF MASONIC STATUS

(Valid only for transfer under the Continuous Membership Plan from a lodge in North Carolina to a lodge in another State.)
All correspondence relating to this certificate MUST be handled through the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and NOT direct between lodges.

To the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of.....
THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Brother..... (note 5), a Master Mason, in good standing in our.....Lodge No....., located at ....., North Carolina, who is not under any charges nor indebted to the said lodge and whose dues are paid to December 31, 19....., (note 4) .....

at his own request in writing is granted this certificate for the purpose of applying to your_____Lodge No._____, located at _____, for affiliation.

(note 2)

THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT A DEMIT, nor is it a withdrawal. A demit will be forthcoming after we have received due notice of his election to membership in your lodge, dependent upon and subject to his DEMIT being duly issued by our lodge, and then only after we have received a written request for a DEMIT bearing the signature of the said member (see note 2), after which our lodge will act on the request for demit at its first stated communication, or at the earliest opportunity, after its receipt. The applicant must NOT be recorded a member of your lodge until the date his demit is granted by our lodge. (note 3).

This Certificate expires and becomes VOID at the close of December 31, 19_____(note 4).

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Secretary of the said_____ Lodge No._____ has hereto subscribed his signature and affixed the seal of the Lodge at_____, North Carolina, this_____ day of _____, A. D. 19_____; A. L. 59_____.

(LODGE SEAL)

GS NO. 35-A

_____
Lodge Secretary

Approved:_____
Grand Secretary

MASONIC HISTORY

He was born_____, 19_____; at_____
He was Initiated_____, 19_____; Passed_____, 19_____;
and Raised_____, 19_____, in_____ Lodge No._____,
located at_____. He was installed and served as Master of our lodge for the year 19_____. He was installed and served as_____ (note 2) Warden of our lodge for the year 19_____. He has had continuous and unbroken membership in this lodge since_____, 19_____.
He was admitted _____, 19_____; demitted_____,
19_____; expelled_____, 19_____; suspended_____,
19_____; excluded_____, 19_____; restored_____, 19_____.
Remarks _____

Note: 1. The printed part of this form, except the Masonic History, shall not be changed.
2. Insert here **Junior** or **Senior**, as the case may be.

NOTES: 1. This certificate must NOT be given to the Brother whose name appears therein. It must be sent to the Grand Secretary of North Carolina for approval and transmittal. **This certificate is not valid for transfer of membership to another lodge in North Carolina.**
2. This certificate shall not be issued unless a written request signed by the Brother to whom it is to be issued, is filed with the Secretary of the lodge issuing it.
3. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina prohibits plural membership.
4. The dues of the member must be paid in full to December 31 of the year shown in this space.
5. Enter here the full name of the member.
6. This form can be obtained only from the Grand Secretary.

(76-1)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 36

ABSOLUTE DEMIT

To All Regular Master Masons to Whom These Presents Shall Come Greeting:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Brother..... is, at the date of these presents, a Master Mason in good standing; and that having paid all dues and being free from all charges, he is at his own request dismissed from membership in .....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., under the jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina on this date. Given under my hand and the seal of the said lodge at....., this the..... day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE) Secretary

MASONIC HISTORY

He was born....., 19....., at..... He was Initiated....., 19.....; Passed....., 19.....; and Raised....., 19....., in..... Lodge No..... located at..... He was installed and served as Master of our lodge for the year..... He was installed and served as..... (note 2) Warden of our lodge for the year..... He has had continuous and unbroken membership in this lodge since....., 19..... He was admitted....., 19.....; demitted....., 19.....; expelled....., 19.....; suspended ....., 19.....; excluded....., 19.....; restored....., 19..... Remarks.....

Notes: 1. The printed part of this form, except the Masonic History, shall not be changed.

2. Insert here *Junior* or *Senior* as the case may be.

All certificates of demit granted and issued by lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be sent to the Grand Secretary's office for certification.

The Secretary shall furnish the Grand Secretary the last known mailing address of the applicant.

(76-1)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 37

REQUEST TO HAVE DEGREES CONFERRED BY ANOTHER LODGE

.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.
....., N. C.,....., 19.....

To the Master, Wardens, and Members of
.....Lodge No....., at.....
(Notes 1 and 2)

You are fraternally requested to confer the.....degree.....in Masonry
(Note 3)
on our candidate whose name and means of identification are given below. He has been duly elected to receive the degrees, and he is now living in the vicinity of your lodge. Both he and our lodge will greatly appreciate this courtesy.
He received the.....degree on....., 19.....
(Note 3)

His full name:..... ....
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

His occupation:.....

His present address:..... ....
(Number) (Street) (Post Office)

He was born....., 19....., at.....

His father's full name:..... ....
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

His mother's maiden name: ....
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

His wife's maiden name: ....
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

His Armed Forces Serial Number, if any:..... His Social Security Number, if any:..... If none, so indicate in the blank spaces.

All fees and other charges are paid; there is nothing to collect.

Kindly notify the undersigned immediately after each degree is conferred and give the date thereof.

Should there be any charge for this work, please notify us before complying with this request.

.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.
by.....Secretary

Approved:

(Address for Mail)

....
Master North Carolina

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

Notes: 1. If the request is to be made upon any lodge located *outside* of North Carolina, the original and two copies of this form must be forwarded through the office of the Grand Secretary of North Carolina.

2. If the request is to be made upon a lodge located within North Carolina, the original may be forwarded direct to that lodge.

3. If all three of the degrees are to be conferred, say here *three*. If only one or two of the degrees are to be conferred, then say here *second*, or *third*, or second and third, as the case may be; then show below in the proper place the date the preceding degree was conferred.

4. Do NOT send a copy of this form to the candidate.

5. The printed part of this form shall not be changed.

(71-10; 71-10.2)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 38

THE GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICIAL FORM OF CERTIFICATE
LECTURE SERVICE

1. THIS CERTIFIES that Brother....., C. L., instructed this lodge in the Authorized Ritualistic Work on these dates, in full conformity to the Regulations and rules pertaining to such instruction: (Note 1).

DATES		DATES	
..... 19.....,	.....hours;	..... 19.....,	.....hours;
..... 19.....,	.....hours;	..... 19.....,	.....hours;
..... 19.....,	.....hours;	..... 19.....,	.....hours;
..... 19.....,	.....hours;	..... 19.....,	.....hours.

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

.....Lodge No.....

By..... Secretary
(Note 2)

Date....., 19.....

..... Master
(Note 2)

2. THIS CERTIFIES that full settlement has been made for the following items, except as shown hereafter:
(See Note 4)

Fee for lecture service	$.....:	This has.....been paid.
Expenses	$.....:	This has.....been paid.
TOTAL Fee and Expenses	$.....:	All of this item has.....been paid. (Note 3)

Date....., 19.....

.....Lecturer
(Note 4)

Notes: 1. The dates on which instruction was given and the number of hours on each day must be entered on the proper lines.

2. The Master and the Secretary of the lodge must each sign part 1 of the certificate. The lodge seal must be impressed where indicated.

3. The fee and the expenses actually paid must be shown on the certificate.

4. The Lecturer must fill out completely and sign part 2 of the certificate. If settlement has NOT been made for the fee or the expenses, write the word NOT in the proper blank space.

5. The original of both of the certificates (that is, both parts 1 and 2 of the certificate) must be filed with the Grand Secretary within fifteen days after the payment has been made by the lodge. All such certificates shall be filed with the Grand Secretary before December 20 each year.

6. Forms may be obtained from the Grand Secretary.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 39

REPORT OF ANNUAL AUDIT

To the Master, Wardens, and Members of

.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.

....., N. C.

We, the undersigned committee authorized to audit the books of account of the Treasurer and the Secretary of this lodge for the year ending December 31, 19....., respectfully report as follows:

SECRETARY

Receipts:

The Secretary has received the following sums:

From fees . . . $.....
From dues . . . $.....
From interest . . $.....
From other sources . $.....
(Note 2)

Total receipts from all sources . . . . . $.....
He has delivered to the Treasurer and holds his receipt for . $.....
He has in hand . . . . . $.....

Warrants drawn on the Treasurer
No..... through No..... . . . . $.....

TREASURER

Balance on hand last report . . . . . $.....
Received from the Secretary . . . . . $.....
Total to be accounted for . . . . . $.....

Disbursements by the Treasurer:
(Note 2)

Grand Lodge returns for the previous year . . . . . $.....
Printing, postage, and stationery . $.....
Expenses of officers attending Grand Lodge . . . . . $.....
Charity . . . . . $.....
Flowers . . . . . $.....
Refreshments . . . . . $.....
Rent Paid . . . . . $.....
Miscellaneous expenditures . . $.....
Total disbursements . . . . . $.....
Balance on hand . . . . . $.....

This balance is deposited in the.....Bank of....., N. C.

1. We report further that we have personally examined the following and we find:
   A. The cancelled checks of the Treasurer.....
   B. The cash book of the Treasurer.....
   C. The cash book of the Secretary.....
   D. The statements of the bank or depository.....
   E. The stubs of the receipt cards issued by the Secretary.....
   F. The securities of the lodge....., and we have checked them with the books and records and.....

2. We have verified the cash balance, as shown above, with the.....
3. The bond of the Treasurer and the premium is paid to....., 19.....
4. The bond of the Secretary and the premium is paid to....., 19.....

We make the following recommendations:.....

Fraternally submitted,

.....

.....

.....

Committee

Notes: 1. This form may be altered to meet the need of a particular case, also to report the audit or examination of trustees or other lodge accounts.

2. The items under *Receipts* and *Disbursements* may be given in greater detail.

(61-3.1).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 40

FORM OF RENUNCIATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN CLANDESTINE BODY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I,....., a resident (Note 2)
of North Carolina, age..... years, and by occupation....., residing now (Note 3)
at....., North Carolina, aver and declare on my personal honor that (Note 4)
on the.....day of....., 19....., I became identified with an association of alleged Freemasons, known as.....under a misunderstanding as to its constitution and authority in this State; and a subsequent investigation has convinced me that it is a clandestine body without lawful authority to confer any degree of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry, or Ancient York Masonry in North Carolina. Therefore, I hereby, of my own free will and accord and with full knowledge of the consequences of my act, freely, solemnly, and sincerely renounce all obligation and allegiance to said unlawful and clandestine association; and I further avow and declare that I will not in any manner, directly or indirectly, have or hold any intercourse or affiliation of any character with said clandestine association. On the..... day of....., 19....., I gave notice in writing to the officers of said association that I have permanently severed all relation and affiliation therewith and allegiance thereunto, and I attach a copy of that notice hereto.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this.....day of....., 19.....

.....
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)
(Note 2)

Signed in the presence of:
(Note 5)

.....

.....

Notes: 1. Make this form in triplicate. One copy for the permanent file of the lodge, one for the Grand Master, and one for the Grand Secretary.

2. Insert here the name in full.

3. Insert here occupation in detail.

4. Insert here exact residence address, number, building or street, and post office.

5. There must be two witnesses and they should be Masons, but it is not required that they be Masons.

6. The printed part of this form shall not be changed.

(66-6).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 41

DISPENSATION TO HOLD AN ELECTION

To the Master, Wardens, and Members of
.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.
....., N. C.

Greeting:

In consequence of an emergency, caused by.....and by special request of your lodge, duly certified to me, and by virtue of the powers and authority in me vested, I do hereby authorize and empower you to hold an election for..... at your stated communication to be held....., 19....., and to fill any vacancies which may arise by reason thereof; *provided, however,* that due and timely notice of such election is given to the members of your lodge. You will observe fully Chapters 53 and 57 of THE CODE as to the qualifications of the member (or members) to be chosen for such office and you will observe Chapter 55 of THE CODE as to installation. And for so doing, this shall be your sufficient warrant. A presently installed officer is not eligible for election or appointment to fill any vacancy, unless he resigns first. REG. 57-6.

This dispensation must be recorded in the minutes of the lodge.

Given under my hand and seal at....., N. C., this..... day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Grand Master

(SEAL OF GRAND MASTER HERE)

Note: This form may be altered to meet the need of a particular case.
(54-1.2; 57-3; 57-6; 57-3.1)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 42

DISPENSATION TO A LODGE TO CONTINUE ITS LABORS AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OR LOSS OF ITS WARRANT OR CHARTER

To the Master, Wardens, and Members of
.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.
....., N. C.

Greeting:

WHEREAS, our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge on....., 19....., by.....under the hand of the then Most Worshipful Grand Master and
(Note 1)
the seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, authorized the holding of a lodge under its jurisdiction at....., North Carolina, which lodge was duly .....on the.....day of....., 19....., and the labors thereof
(Note 2)
carried on agreeably to the laws, usages, and customs of Freemasonry and of our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge so far as our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge has information respecting the same. And whereas it has been represented to me that the said.....has been.....:
(Note 1) (Note 3)

Now, therefore, by virtue of the powers and authority in me vested I do hereby authorize, empower, and direct you, the present and succeeding Master, Wardens, and members of the said.....Lodge No....., A.F. & A. M., to continue your Masonic labors in the same full and complete manner to all intents and purposes, as you could have done, or might lawfully have done, if your said.....had not been.....and was still in existence,
(Note 1) (Note 3)

agreeably to all the usages, constitutions, laws, and regulations of Freemasonry, and especially to those of our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and not contrariwise. This dispensation shall continue in force until the next annual communication of our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge and until its pleasure in the premises shall have been made known to you.

Given under my hand and seal, at....., North Carolina, this.....day of....., 19.....

.....
Grand Master

(SEAL OF GRAND MASTER HERE)

Notes: 1. Insert here *dispensation, warrant,* or *charter,* as the case may be.
2. Insert here *instituted* if the lodge was not chartered, or *constituted* if it was chartered.
3. Insert here *lost* or *destroyed* as the case may be.
4. This form may be altered to meet the need of a particular case.

(41-2).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 43

CREDENTIALS

(Please read the instructions below and follow them carefully.) LODGE No.....
I CERTIFY that on this date the following are the three principal officers of .....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., working under the jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina, to wit:

.....is the Master
.....is the Senior Warden
.....is the Junior Warden

IMPORTANT
(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

Witness my hand and the seal of said lodge, this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Secretary

Instructions:

1. If any of the three principal officers named in this certificate attend the Grand Lodge, this certificate MUST be filled in by the Secretary, under the seal of this lodge, and delivered to one of those officers, to be presented to the Committee on Credentials.
2. If neither of the three officers named in this certificate can attend the Grand Lodge, then each may appoint his proxy, on the appropriate form below, but this certificate MUST be presented along with all of the proxies to the Committee on Credentials.
3. The three officers named in this certificate may appoint the same brother as their proxy, or each of them may appoint a different brother as his proxy.
4. All proxies and representatives MUST be members in good standing of the lodge they represent.

DO NOT DETACH THE FOREGOING CERTIFICATE FROM THE PROXIES. KEEP THEM ALL TOGETHER.

PROXY OF THE MASTER

I,....., Master of.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., do hereby appoint Brother....., a Master Mason and a member of said lodge in good standing, as my proxy, as provided for in Section 3-04 of THE CODE of 1995, in The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina, at its..... communication to be held in the City of....., N. C., commencing ....., ..., 19....., ...M.

Witness my hand and seal, this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....(SEAL)
Master

PROXY OF THE SENIOR WARDEN

I, ..., Senior Warden of.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., do hereby appoint Brother....., a Master Mason and a member of said lodge in good standing, as my proxy, as provided for in Section 3-4 of THE CODE of 1995, in The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina, at its .....communication to be held in the City of....., N. C., commencing....., ..., 19....., ...M.

Witness my hand and seal, this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....(SEAL)
Senior Warden

PROXY OF THE JUNIOR WARDEN

I, ..., Junior Warden of.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., do hereby appoint Brother....., a Master Mason and a member of said lodge in good standing, as my proxy, as provided for in Section 3-4 of THE CODE of 1995, in The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina, at its .....communication to be held in the City of....., N. C., commencing....., ..., 19....., ...M.

Witness my hand and seal, this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....(SEAL)
Junior Warden

NOTE: The printed part of this form shall not be changed.
(16-1.32; 18-7; 19-3.1; 19-5; 34-13.3; 59-2.44)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 44
CERTIFICATE OF PAST MASTER

.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., at....., N. C.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Brother.....was regularly elected and was installed as Master of this lodge on the.....day of....., 19....., and that he served as such until the.....day of....., 19....., when his successor was duly installed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto signed my name and caused the seal of our said lodge to be affixed hereto at....., N. C., this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Secretary

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

Note: The printed part of this form shall not be changed.
(56-3).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 45

PROPOSAL FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

To the Master, Wardens, and Members of
.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.
....., N. C.

Brethren:
The undersigned, each a member in good standing in your lodge, do respectfully present the name of our Brother.....for life membership in our
(Note 2)
lodge, and we do propose him for that honor because.....
(Note 3)

Respectfully yours,
.....
.....
.....

Notes: 1. The printed part of this form shall not be changed.
2. Give here the full name of the brother proposed.
3. Give here the details of the outstanding and meritorious Masonic service of the brother upon which the proposal is made.

(79-2; 79-2.3)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 46

CERTIFICATE OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Ne Variétur

To All Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons Throughout the Globe, Greeting:
KNOW YE, That the bearer hereof, Brother....., is a LIFE MEMBER of.....Lodge No....., Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons and having labored among us to our entire satisfaction as a true and faithful brother, we, the officers and members of said lodge, recommend that he be received and acknowledged as such by all Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons wherever dispersed.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have granted him this certificate under the seal of our lodge, first causing him to sign his name in the margin hereof that he alone may benefit therefrom; but this certificate shall not be valid for the purpose of visitation unless the brother named herein shall exhibit his annual identification card for the then current year issued by, and under the seal of, this lodge.
Given at....., North Carolina, this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Master

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

.....
Secretary

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., is a regularly constituted lodge working under a charter granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said Grand Lodge at Raleigh, North Carolina, this the.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Grand Secretary

(SEAL OF GRAND LODGE HERE)

Note: The printed part of this form shall not be changed.

(79-4)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 47

CERTIFICATE OF INSTALLATION OF A GRAND LODGE OFFICER

To the Grand Secretary
The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina:
Raleigh, N. C.
THIS CERTIFIES that Brother.....(Note 2).....was duly installed as.....(Note 3)..... of our Grand Lodge at a.....(Note 4).....communication of.....(Note 5).....Lodge No. ....., A. F. & A. M., holden on the.....day of....., 19....., at.....M.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said lodge at ....., N. C., this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Secretary

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)
Notes: 1. The printed part of this form shall not be changed.
2. Insert here the full name of the brother installed.
3. Insert here the name of the office held by the brother who was installed.
4. Insert here whether *stated* or *emergent.*
5. Insert here the name and number of the lodge in which the installation was held.

(12-7)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 48

CITATION BY THE GRAND MASTER

To.....(Note 5)..... and.....(Note 5).....of.....Lodge No.....(Note 2)....., A. F. & A. M. under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina:
You, and each of you, are hereby required to appear before me at.....M. on the ..... day of....., 19....., at....., in....., N. C., then and there to show cause why you, or either of you, or your said lodge should not be dealt with under THE CODE of our Grand Lodge for.....(Note 3).....
If..... ..... is.....before.....M. on the day of....., 19.....(Note 4)..... then this citation shall be satisfied and it shall be null and void, otherwise it shall be in full force and effect. Herein fail not to comply with this order.
Given under my hand and the seal of my office, at....., N. C., this .....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Grand Master

(SEAL OF GRAND MASTER HERE)
Notes: 1. This form may be changed to meet the need of a particular case.
2. Show here the exact hour, day, and place where appearance is required.
3. Set forth here in detail the cause for the citation, and if any papers, books, or records are required, describe them in detail.
4. Set forth here any action which would satisfy the order and make personal appearance unnecessary.
5. Show names and offices to whom citation is directed.

(41-11; 47-7.4)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 49

.....LODGE NO.....

Date of this report....., 19.....

REPORT OF DOINGS AT A STATED COMMUNICATION HELD ON

....., 19.....

To the Grand Secretary
The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina
Raleigh, N. C.

This is to report the doings at our stated communication held on the date shown in the blocked caption above, under the following subjects, as required by Regulation 59-12.19:

I: PETITIONS FOR DEGREES READ AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEES: (Originals herewith for your certificate.) (Be certain that your lodge has jurisdiction over each petitioner; that the name is legible, readable, is shown in FULL, and signed in FULL.)
1:..... 2:.....
3:..... 4:.....
5:..... 6:.....
7:..... 8:.....

II: DEGREES CONFERRED SINCE LAST REPORT, WITH DATES:

Names	First Degree	Second Degree	Third Degree
1:.....	:....., 19.....	:....., 19.....	:....., 19.....
2:.....	:....., 19.....	:....., 19.....	:....., 19.....
3:.....	:....., 19.....	:....., 19.....	:....., 19.....
4:.....	:....., 19.....	:....., 19.....	:....., 19.....
5:.....	:....., 19.....	:....., 19.....	:....., 19.....

III: APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION READ AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEES: (Originals herewith for your certificate.) (Be certain that CHAPTER 83 of THE CODE is fully complied with; and that each Application under Continuous Membership Plan has attached to it the required DUES RECEIPT and the REQUEST FOR THE DEMIT or the CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING.)
1:..... 2:.....
3:..... 4:.....

IV: PETITIONERS FOR THE DEGREES ELECTED:
1:..... 2:.....
3:..... 4:.....
5:..... 6:.....

V: APPLICANTS FOR AFFILIATION ELECTED:
1:..... 2:.....
3:..... 4:.....
5:..... 6:.....

VI: APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION, CONTINUOUS PLAN, COMPLETED:
1:..... Date of Demit....., 19....
2:..... Date of Demit....., 19....

VII: APPLICATION FOR RESTORATION READ AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:
1:.....Date of Excl., Susp., or Exp....., 19....
2:.....Date of Excl., Susp., or Exp....., 19....

VIII: APPLICANTS RESTORED TO MEMBERSHIP, WITH DATES:
1:..... Date Restored....., 19....
2:..... Date Restored....., 19....

IX: DIED (Since last report to Grand Secretary)
1:..... Date of death....., 19....
2:..... Date of death....., 19....

X: MEMBERS EXCLUDED FOR THE NONPAYMENT OF DUES:
1:..... 2:.....
3:..... 4:.....
5:..... 6:.....

XI: MEMBERS DEMITTED:
1:..... 2:.....

XII: PETITIONERS FOR THE DEGREES REJECTED:
1:..... 2:.....

XIII: APPLICANTS FOR AFFILIATION REJECTED:
1:..... 2:.....
3:..... 4:.....

XIV: APPLICANTS FOR RESTORATION REJECTED:
1:..... 2:.....

XV: PETITIONS WITHDRAWN:
1:.....Reason:.....

XVI: COURTESY WORK FOR OTHER LODGES: (Since last report to Grand Secretary)

Names	First Degree	Second Degree	Third Degree
*1:.....	:....., 19.....	:....., 19.....	:....., 19.....
**2:.....	:....., 19.....	:....., 19.....	:....., 19.....

*For.....Lodge No....., at....., ...
**For.....Lodge No....., at....., ...

NOTE: (If there is not enough space under any foregoing subject, use the space below this line OR use another copy of this form properly dated and designated as No. 2. In either case, use the same arrangement as set up under the appropriate subject. You may also use the space below for any COMMENTS which do not require a separate letter.

SUBJECT
NUMBER: SUBJECT:

Fraternally submitted,

Secretary

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

Notes: 1. The foregoing is required to be filed within five days after each stated communication of the lodge, whether or not the lodge transacted any business under ANY of the listed subjects; if there was no such transaction in ANY of them, write *NONE* at the top of Page One, sign and mail report.

2. Report only those transactions which took place in the lodge at the stated communication shown in the blocked caption, except under the SUBJECT NUMBERS II, VI, VIII, IX, and XVI.

3. Forms may be obtained from The Printing Department, Oxford Orphanage, Oxford, N. C.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 50

PROPOSAL FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.

The undersigned, members of.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M. of ....., North Carolina, above named, in accordance with THE CODE of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina DO HEREBY PROPOSE the following named Brother for HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN THIS LODGE

.....

(Name in full here)

He is a member of.....Lodge No....., working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of..... We certify that the said brother is a Master Mason in good standing in the above named Lodge and that the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction it works complies with the terms of THE CODE with respect to the significance of honorary membership.

Signed by the following proposers:

_____

_____

_____

_____

Date_____, 19_____.

Notes: 1. If it is desired to make an honorary member, a proposal similar to the above must be signed by three or more members of the lodge concerned; this proposal must be handled as provided in Regulation 81-02.

2. Not more than three persons may be made honorary members of any lodge within any one calendar year.
3. No lodge may make one of its own members an honorary member.
4. Honorary membership and life membership are *not* the same.
5. The printed part of this form shall not be changed.

(Chapter 81)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 51

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

THIS CERTIFICATE TESTIFIES that Brother.....was on the date shown below elected lawfully to be an HONORARY MEMBER of..... Lodge No....., under the jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.

Witness our hands and the seal of the lodge this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

ATTEST:

....

Secretary Master

Note: The printed part of this certificate shall not be changed; the form or arrangement may be changed by the Grand Secretary.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 52

GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATE
ENTERED APPRENTICE OR FELLOW CRAFT

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that.....(Note 1).....is shown on the records of this office and on the records of.....(Note 2).....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., as a .....(Note 3)....., having received that degree on....., 19.....

THIS IS TO CERTIFY FURTHER that said.....(Note 4).....Lodge No.....(Note 2)....., A. F. & A. M., was on that date a regularly constituted lodge obedient to the Grand Lodge; but is not now in existence.

Witness my hand and the seal of The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina at Raleigh, N. C., this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Grand Secretary

(SEAL OF GRAND LODGE HERE)

Notes: 1. Insert here the full name of the brother to whom the certificate is issued.

2. Insert here the name and number of the lodge in which he received the degrees.

3. Insert here *Entered Apprentice* or *Fellow Craft* as the case may be.

4. Insert here the date he received each degree.

5. This form may be altered to meet the need of each case.

(49-4.6; 101-3.1).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 53

COMMISSION FOR A DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NORTH CAROLINA
BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

To All and Every of Our Brethren—Greeting:

KNOW YE, That I, the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, do hereby constitute and appoint Brother..... as District Deputy Grand Master for the.....Masonic District of North Carolina.

It is required of our Brother.....to take special care that all and every of the said brethren in his Masonic District, as well as those hereafter to be admitted into our Order, be REGULARLY MADE MASONS; and that they do, observe, and keep all the RULES and ORDERS contained in the laws of our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and that the ANCIENT LANDMARKS be strictly attended to.

You are to visit each lodge in your district at least once a year and thoroughly organize the lodges in your district and bring them into closer relations with each other and with the Grand Lodge.

You are to inspect the accounts and records of the lodges and put them on the right road to better financial conditions and see that reports and returns are made promptly as required.

You are charged to perform fully and punctually those other duties pertaining to your appointment as set forth in the law of our Grand Lodge.

You are to study the conditions in your district and report to the Grand Master once a year giving in detail the situation and making such suggestions as occur to you from observation of the conditions.

You are charged with these and such other duties as will promote the general good of Masonry in your district and, imposing confidence in your skill and fidelity, I have appointed you to this honorable position.
This commission is to remain in force until the next succeeding annual communication of the Grand Lodge unless sooner revoked by the Grand Master.
Given at Raleigh, North Carolina, under my hand and the Great Seal of Masonry, this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Grand Master

Attest:

.....
Grand Secretary
Note: The printed part of this form cannot be changed, but the form or arrangement may be changed by the Grand Secretary.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 54

NOTICE OF VISITATION

.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M.
....., N. C., 19.....

.....Lodge No.....,
Secretary

.....
Dear Brother:
Among the visitors at our lodge on....., 19....., we were pleased to welcome Brother....., hailing from your lodge.
Fraternally yours,

.....
Secretary
Note: This form may be changed to meet the need of a particular case, and it may be used on a postal card.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 55

REQUEST FOR
GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA SERVICE AWARDS
(25-Year Emblem and Certificate)
AND/OR
GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA VETERAN'S EMBLEMS
(50-Year Emblem and Certificate)
AND/OR
GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA DIAMOND JUBILEE VETERAN'S EMBLEM
(60-Year Emblem and Certificate)

_____Lodge No._____ _____, N. C.
_____, 19.....

To the Grand Secretary
The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina
P. O. Box.....
Raleigh, North Carolina
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT, at a stated communication of the above-named Lodge, held on....., 19....., it was voted to request Grand Lodge Service Awards and/or Veteran's Emblems for presentation on....., 19....., to the following-named members of this Lodge:

Name in full:	Date Raised: (Mo., Day, Yr.)	Where Raised (Lodge):	Give Complete Record of Demits and Affiliations; Comments
1.			
2.			
3.			

It is agreed that the Lodge will make special arrangements for the presentation.

Note: The Lodge should make its own arrangements as to speaker, etc., advising the Grand Secretary concerning details immediately following presentation.

(SEAL)

Respectfully submitted,

.....

Secretary

Notes: 1. GIVE COMPLETE information as requested above, allow THIRTY DAYS for checking files and preparation of certificates.
2. Complete and send to the Grand Secretary TWO copies of this form, using additional sheets if more than (16) names are listed.
3. READ Chapter 80 of THE CODE of 1995, and particularly Regulations 80-3, 80-4, and 80-5 thereof.
4. This form may be changed by the Grand Secretary.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 56

APPLICATION FOR A GRAND LODGE DEMIT

To the Grand Secretary
The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina
Raleigh, N. C.

The undersigned respectfully requests that a Grand Lodge Demit, based on the information voluntarily given below, be issued to him. His motive for the request is.....

Name in full (Print): ....
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Place of birth: ....
(St. or R.F.D.) (Town or City) (State)

Date of birth: ....
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Date Initiated: ....
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Date Passed: ....
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Date Raised: ....
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Degrees received in: .....Lodge No....., located at.....
.....,

Membership in: .....Lodge No....., located at.....
....., ...at the time it

Lost its charter on: ....
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Other Information:

Respectfully yours,
(Signed).....
(Name in Full)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I, the undersigned, a member of.....
Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., located at....., have been personally acquainted with Brother.....for.....years, and I hereby vouch for the truth of the statements in his application for a Grand Lodge Demit, and I certify that he and the person who was formerly a member of.....
Lodge No. .....are one and the same, and I cheerfully recommend the issuance of the said Grand Lodge Demit.

This.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

(Signed).....
(Office in Lodge, if any).....

Note: This form may be changed by the Grand Secretary.
(49-4.1; 49-4.5; 49-4.4; 49-4.7)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 57

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF A GRAND OFFICER

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina At Raleigh, North Carolina

Ne Varietur

Be it known that Brother....., whose genuine signature, Ne Varietur, is written in the margin hereof, was regularly elected and installed as.....of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina at its annual communication held in our City of.....on the..... day of.....in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and .....and in the Year of Light.....

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina has caused this certificate to be issued by its Grand Secretary and the Seal of said Grand Lodge to be affixed hereto, this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Grand Secretary

Note: This form may be changed or arranged differently by the Grand Secretary.

(16-1.28).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 58

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT OF A GRAND REPRESENTATIVE BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL....., GRAND MASTER OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS IN NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of.....and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina have agreed to enter into a more intimate correspondence and cultivate with each other a more friendly intercourse than has heretofore existed between them, and believing that the ties of brotherly affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of the Order promoted, its unity, integrity, and purity protected, and its utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of the representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Lodges to the other:

THEREFORE, be it known, that we, reposing special trust and confidence in our well beloved Brother....., have thought fit to appoint, and by these presents do constitute and appoint him

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA near the Grand Lodge of.....for the purposes aforesaid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have caused the seal of the Grand Lodge to be affixed and have signed the same at the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, in the United States of America, this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Grand Master

Attest:

.....
Grand Secretary

Note: This form may be changed or arranged differently by the Grand Secretary.

(13-2.19).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 59

SERVICE AWARD OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Organized December 9, 1787

To All Regular Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons Throughout the Globe:
Fraternal Greetings:
In the name and by the authority of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina we do hereby certify that Brother....., a member in good standing of.....Lodge No....., has been a Master Mason in good standing continuously for a period of twenty-five or more years, having been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on the.....day of ....., ..., in.....Lodge No....., located at.....
In testimony whereof, we have issued this certificate under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge. Presented by the Grand Master this.....day of ....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59....., in.....Lodge No....., Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina

.....
Grand Master

.....
Attest: Grand Secretary

Note: This form may be changed or arranged by the Grand Secretary. (80-4).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 60

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION OF A BY-LAW BY A SUBORDINATE LODGE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the.....is a true and complete copy of the (Note 2)
.....the by-laws of.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., (Note 3)
which was presented and read for the first time at a stated communication held on the.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59....., and which was read again and adopted by not less than two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present at a stated communication held on the.....day of ....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....
Given under my hand and the seal of the said lodge at....., N. C., this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

.....
Secretary

Notes: 1. The printed part of this form shall not be changed.
2. Insert here *foregoing* or *attached*, as the case may be.
3. Insert here *amendment to* or *revision of*, as the case may be.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 61

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF JURISDICTION

....., N. C.
....., 19.....

To the Master, Wardens, and Members of
.....Lodge No.....
.....

Brethren:

We fraternally request that your lodge grant a waiver of jurisdiction in favor of our lodge, as provided in Regulation 47-07 of THE CODE, over:

....
(Note 3) (First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Present residence address:..... ....
(Note 4) (No.) (St., Apt., or R.F.D.) (City or Town) (State)

He has resided there.....years.....months.

He was born on....., 19...., at.....
(City, Town, or nearest Post Office) (County) (State)

Father's name:..... ....
(Note 3) (First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Mother's MAIDEN name:..... ....
(Notes 3 and 8) (First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Wife's MAIDEN name:..... ....
(Notes 3 and 8) (First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

His occupation is.....
(Note 5)

His address while residing within the jurisdiction of your lodge was:
(Note 4)

....
(Number) (St., Apt., or R.F.D.) (City or Town) (State)

He was employed by....., whose address was:
(Note 4)

....
(Number) (St., Apt., or R.F.D.) (City or Town) (State)

His occupation then was:.....
(Note 5)

His Social Security Account No. is_____. His Armed Forces Serial No. is_____.

Fraternally yours,

.....Lodge No.....

By.....Secretary

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE) (Address for Mail).....

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION

(Do not detach this part of the Form. Note 2)

....., N. C.

....., 19.....

To the Master, Wardens, and Members of

.....Lodge No.....

.....

Brethren:

At a stated communication of this lodge held on the.....day of....., 19....., a waiver of jurisdiction was.....to your lodge over Mr.....,
(Note 6)
as named in the foregoing request from your lodge dated....., 19.....

Fraternally yours,

.....Lodge No.....

By.....Secretary

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

Notes: 1. Send the original and one copy of this request to the lodge from which the waiver of jurisdiction is desired.
2. The Secretary of the lodge upon which the request is made will fill out and execute this part of the form, on the *copy* of the request and return it to the lodge from which it was received.
3. TYPE, or PRINT, the FULL name of the person over whom the waiver is requested. If he has no middle name, then put NMN.

If he has an initial only, then put the letter and circle it, thus (*B.*); examples, *John NMN Smith,* or *John* (*B.*) *Smith.*

4. The residence of the person is the place where he actually resides. Do not give a post office box number as residence. Give house number, street, city or town, and state. If he resides in an area where houses or streets are not identified by names or numbers, then give a clear statement of his residence, such as, *R. F. D.* 1 *on State Highway* 18 *about three miles north of Raleigh, N. C.*
5. In giving the occupation, do not use *clerk, salesman, manager, solicitor,* or any other indefinite term, but state also the particular kind of business or employment such as *office clerk (insurance, fire or life, retail shoes, etc.); salesman (retail or wholesale), (groceries, hardware, etc.); manager (local insurance agency, retail coal, etc.); solicitor (newspaper advertising, subscriptions, etc.)*
6. Insert here *granted* or *refused,* as the case may be.
7. READ Regulation 42-9. NOTE that a waiver of jurisdiction ". . . shall be without restriction or reservation and shall be granted only by a unanimous vote of the members present at a stated communication . . ."
8. Be sure to give the full and correct MAIDEN name.
9. This form may be changed by the Grand Secretary.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 62

REQUEST FOR A CERTIFICATE SHOWING THAT A DEMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED

....., N. C.
....., 19.....

To the Master, Wardens, and Members of
.....Lodge No.....
....., N. C.

Brethren:

I was formerly a member of your lodge, and on or about....., 19....., I requested a demit which was granted. The certificate of demit has been lost and cannot be found after diligent search; therefore, I request that a certificate be issued to me setting forth the fact that such demit was granted, and giving the date thereof.
(76-8).

Fraternally yours,

.....
(Address for Mail).....

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 63

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY THAT A DEMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED

....., N. C.
....., 19.....

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a demit was granted by.....Lodge No..... located at....., N. C., on....., 19....., to Brother.....at (Note 3)

his request.
This certificate is issued under the provisions of Regulation 76-8 of THE

CODE upon written request of the said Brother, who reports that the original certificate of demit has been lost.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said lodge this the.....day of....., 19.....

.....
Secretary

.....Lodge No.....

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)

Notes: 1. Do not issue this certificate unless the lodge has previously granted a demit to the brother making the request for it, nor unless there is filed with the Secretary a written request therefor, signed by THAT brother, in which it is positively stated that the original certificate of demit has been lost and cannot be found.
2. After it has been ascertained that a demit was granted by the lodge, the Secretary thereof may issue this certificate without any further action by the lodge authorizing the same.
3. Give FULL name of the brother if possible.
4. This form may be changed by the Grand Secretary.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 64

WITHDRAWAL OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

To All Regular Master Masons to Whom These Presents Shall Come Greeting:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Brother....., at the date of these presents, is an HONORARY MEMBER of.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., under the jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and that he has voluntarily resigned, and has withdrawn, his Honorary Membership in that lodge on this date. This certificate cannot be used as a demit.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said lodge at..... ....., N. C., this the.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 19.....

.....
Secretary

(SEAL OF LODGE HERE)
(76-1.2; 81-4)

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 65

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP UNDER THE CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP PLAN FROM A LODGE IN ANOTHER GRAND JURISDICTION TO A LODGE IN NORTH CAROLINA BY PROVISIONAL DEMIT

.....Lodge No....., at....., N. C.
....., 19.....

To the Grand Secretary
The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina
Raleigh, N. C.
Dear Sir and Brother:

RE:.....

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the brother named in the caption was formerly a member of.....Lodge No....., located at.....
and that he was duly elected to membership in this lodge on.....
(Note 2)
19....., upon a.....issued by that lodge on....., 19.....,
(Note 4)
to the effect that he was under no charges for un-Masonic conduct and that

his dues were paid therein to....., 19....., as required under the (Note 3)
provisions of THE CODE at Regulation 75-16.2 C. He should be dropped from the roll of membership of his former lodge as of....., 19....., (Note 2)
in the same manner as if an ABSOLUTE DEMIT had been issued to him on that date. Please forward this certificate as required by THE CODE.
IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the lodge this.....day of....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59.....

.....
Secretary

.....
(Address for Mail)

Notes: 1. Two copies of this certificate must be sent to the Grand Secretary who will make his record, retain one copy, and send the other copy to the Grand Lodge under whose authority the provisional demit was issued. (Official Form 58).
2. Both of these dates must be the same.
3. This date must agree with the date shown in the *provisional demit.*
4. Insert here *provisional demit* or *certificate of good standing* as the case may be.
5. Use this form only as provided in REG. 76-16.2; 17-16.3.
6. This form may be changed by the Grand Secretary. (76-16.2; 17-16.3).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 66

LETTER OF TRANSMISSION BY GRAND SECRETARY TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP UNDER CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP PLAN FROM ANOTHER GRAND JURISDICTION

[Use only in connection with Official Form 65, and Regulation 76-16.2; 17-16.3]

Dear Brother Grand Secretary:

RE:

The attached certificate, on our Official Form 65, of election to membership, is self-explanatory, and we will appreciate your forwarding this document to your.....Lodge No..... at.....; that the brother may be dropped from its roll of membership as of....., 19.....
Also, please complete and return to us the attached Masonic history form relating to this brother.

Sincerely and fraternally,

.....
Grand Secretary

Enclosures
cc:

Notes: 1. Use only in connection with Official Form 65.
2. This form may be changed by the Grand Secretary.

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 67

VETERANS AWARD OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Organized December 9, 1787

To All Regular Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons Throughout the Globe:
Fraternal Greetings:

In the name and by the authority of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina we do hereby certify that Brother....., a member in good standing of.....Lodge No....., has been a Master Mason

in good standing continuously for a period of fifty or more years, having been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on the..... .....day of....., ..., in.....Lodge No....., located at.....
In testimony whereof, we have issued this certificate under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge. Presented by the Grand Master this..... day of ....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59....., in.....Lodge No....., Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina

(SEAL OF GRAND LODGE HERE)

.....
Grand Master

.....
Attest: Grand Secretary

Note: This form may be changed or arranged by the Grand Secretary. (80-3).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 68

VETERANS AWARD OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Organized December 9, 1787

To All Regular Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons Throughout the Globe:
Fraternal Greetings:
In the name and by the authority of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina we do hereby certify that Brother....., a member in good standing of.....Lodge No....., has been a Master Mason for a period of fifty or more years, having been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on the.....day of....., ..., in..... Lodge No....., located at.....
In testimony whereof, we have issued this certificate under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge. Presented by the Grand Master this.....day of ....., A. D. 19.....; A. L. 59....., in.....Lodge No....., Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina

(SEAL OF GRAND LODGE HERE)

.....
Grand Master

.....
Attest: Grand Secretary

Note: This form may be changed or arranged by the Grand Secretary. (80-3; 80-6).

N. C. OFFICIAL FORM 69

DIAMOND JUBILEE CERTIFICATE
of THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NORTH CAROLINA
Organized December 9, 1787

To All Regular Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons Throughout the Globe:
Fraternal Greeting:

In the name and by the authority of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina we do hereby certify that Brother_____, a member in good standing of_____Lodge No._____, has been a Master Mason in good standing for a total of at least sixty or more years, having been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on the_____day of_____, _____, in_____Lodge No._____, Located at_____.

In testimony whereof, we have issued this certificate under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge. Presented by the Grand Master the_____day of _____, A. D. 19_____; A. L. 59_____, in_____Lodge No. _____, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina

Attest: _____
Grand Master

_____
Grand Secretary
(SEAL OF
GRAND LODGE HERE)

APPENDIX B

SEALS

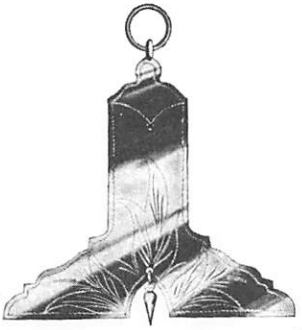
Seal of the Grand Lodge

Seal of the Grand Master

Seal of the Committee on By-Laws

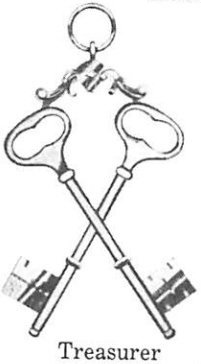
Seal of the Judge Advocate

Master



Senior Warden

Junior Warden



Treasurer

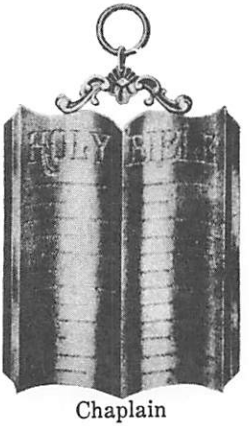
Secretary

Senior Deacon

Junior Deacon

Stewards

Tyler



Chaplain

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Grand Master

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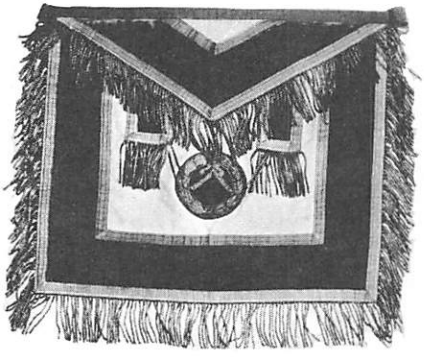
Grand Master

Jewel and Emblem
Deputy Grand Master



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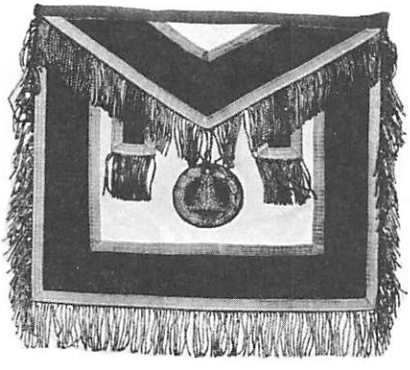

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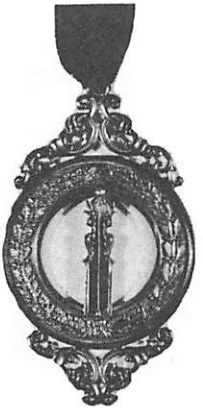

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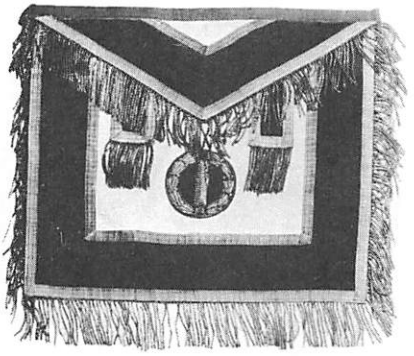
Junior Grand Warden



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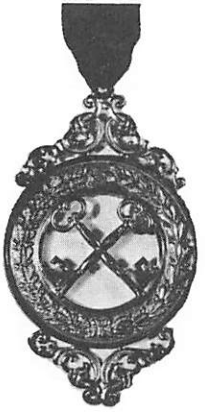

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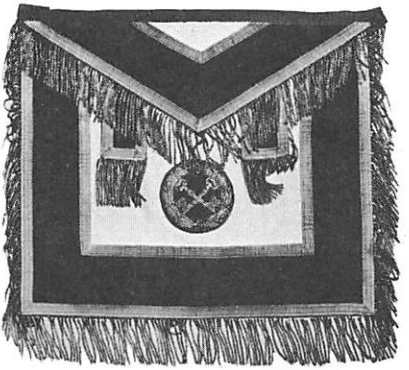
Grand Treasurer



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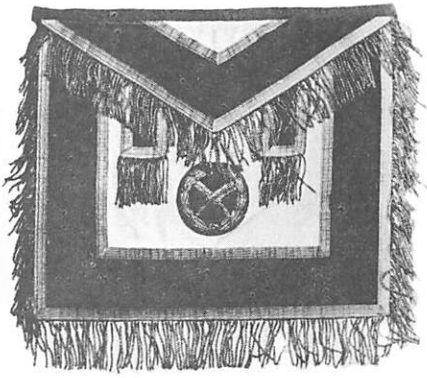
Grand Treasurer

Jewel and Emblem
Grand Secretary



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Grand Secretary

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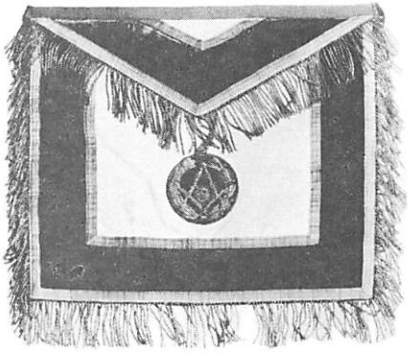
Senior Grand Deacon



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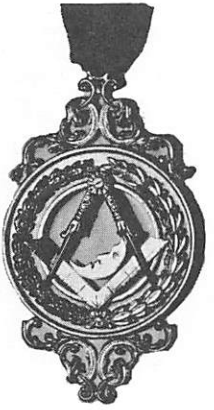

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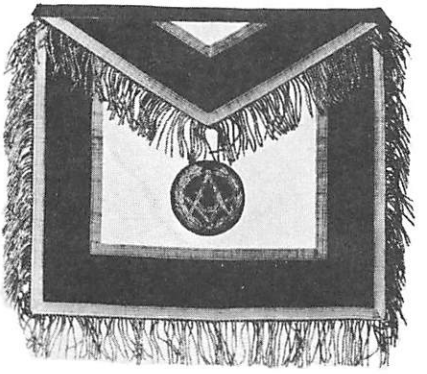

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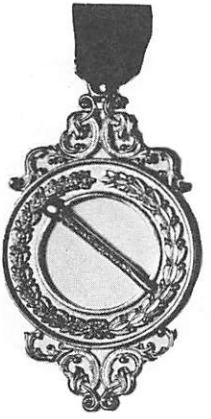

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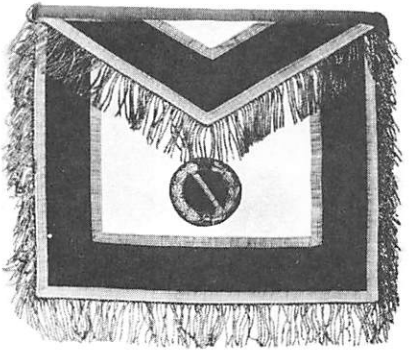
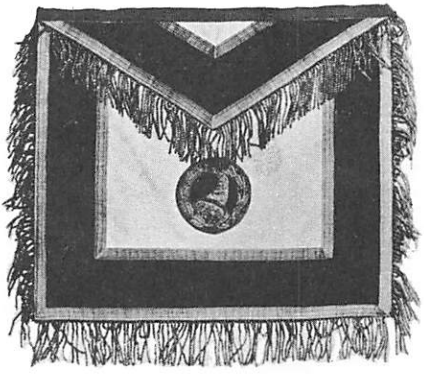
Grand Marshal



Apron
Grand Marshal

Jewel and Emblem
Grand Steward



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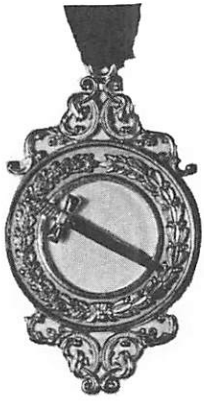

Jewel and Emblem
Grand Tyler

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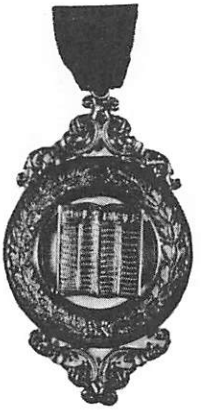
Grand Tyler



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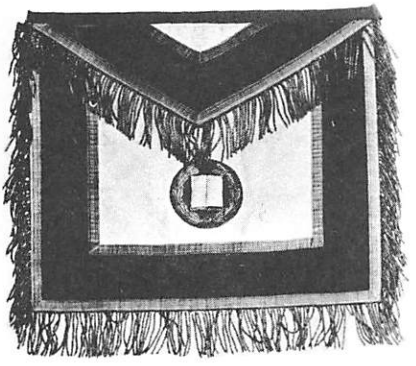

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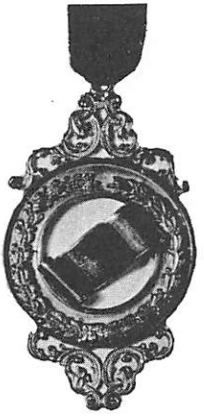

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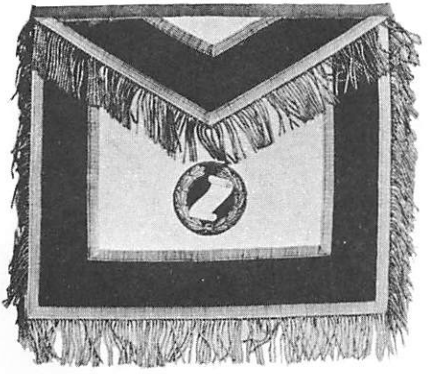
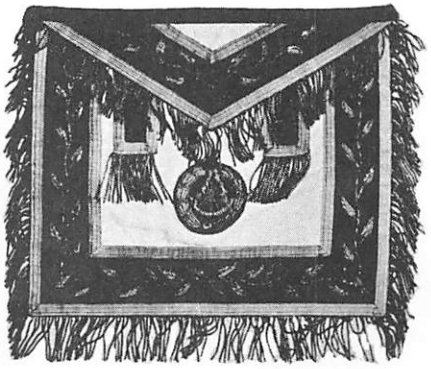


Apron
Grand Lecturer

Jewel and Emblem
Past Grand Master



Apron
Past Grand Master

The Grand Lodge of
North Carolina
Diamond Jubilee Emblem

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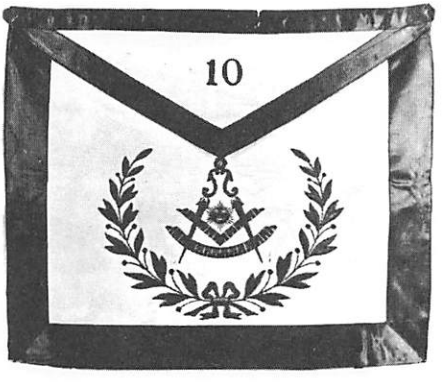
Veteran's Emblem

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina
Service Award

Jewel and Emblem
Past Master

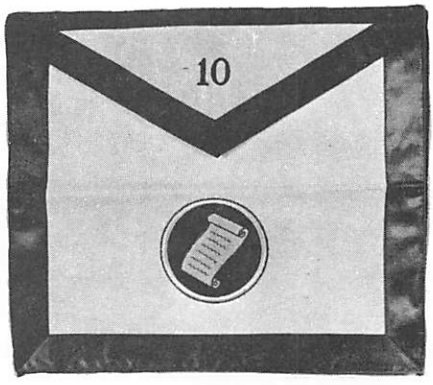
Emblem
Master Mason

Jewel and Emblem
District Deputy Grand Master



Apron
District Deputy Grand Master

Jewel and Emblem
District Deputy Grand Lecturer



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APPENDIX C

TRIAL FORMS

REG. 110-01. The forms set forth in this chapter are given primarily as suggestions and guides; any of them may be varied to meet the needs of the case in hand. [17-9.2].

TRIAL FORM 1

THE TITLE

In The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina

Docket No.....

In the matter of charges preferred against *A. B.*

Note: The foregoing title shall be used on all documents in a case. The docket number shall be given by the Grand Secretary.

TRIAL FORM 2

THE COMPLAINT

Title—See Trial Form 1

To the Judge Advocate

Of The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina:

I hereby accuse Brother *A. B.* of un-Masonic conduct as specified below. He is a Master Mason (or an Entered Apprentice, or a Fellow Craft, or a non-affiliate, or a brother whose lodge membership is unknown to the complainant) and is (or was) a member of.....Lodge No....., Located at.....

Specification 1: That the said *A. B.*, on or about the..... day of....., 19....., in the public streets at.....in the County of....., N. C., (he then being a member of said lodge) was in a state of intoxication from immoderate and improper use of intoxicating liquor in violation of his duty as a Mason and to the scandal and disgrace of the Masonic Fraternity.

(OR)

Specification 2: That the said *A. B.*, on or about the..... day of....., 19....., at.....aforesaid, and at various other times and places in the year 19..... was intoxicated with strong and spirituous liquors, although admonished therefor by the Master of said lodge (or by any other brethren whose names may be entered here) in violation of his duty as a Mason and to the scandal and disgrace of the Masonic Fraternity.

(OR)

Specification 3: That the said *A. B.*, on or about the..... day of....., 19....., at..... in the County of....., N. C., (then being a member of said lodge) in the presence and hearing of *C. D.* and others, spoke and declared of *E. F.*, a Master Mason (or a Fellow Craft or an Entered Apprentice, as the case may be) a member of.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., located at....., N. C., these words in substance: That the said *E. F.* was a dishonest man, a cheat, a knave, and a liar, to the great injury of the said *E. F.* and to the common scandal and disgrace of the Masonic Fraternity.

(OR)

Specification 4: That the said *A. B.*, on or about the..... day of....., 19....., at.....in the County of....., N. C., (he then being a member of said lodge) in the presence and hearing of *G. H.* and others, pub-

licly spoke and in substance declared that the said *E. F.*, who was not present, was a dishonest man, a knave, a cheat, and a liar, in violation of the duties of the said *A. B.* as a Master Mason, and to the great injury of the said *E. F.*, and to the scandal and disgrace of the said.....Lodge No..... and of the Masonic Fraternity.

(OR)

Specification 5: That the said *A. B.*, on or about the.....day of....., 19....., at.....in the County of....., N. C., did without just cause wrongfully strike *G. H.*, a Master Mason and a member at the time of.....Lodge No..... located at....., N. C., in violation of his duties as a Master Mason and to the scandal and disgrace of the Masonic Fraternity.

(OR)

Specification 6: That the said *A. B.* did purposely state, in substance, that he had cast (a white, or favorable ballot) (or a black, or unfavorable ballot) on the petition of Mr. *John Doe* for the degrees in Masonry, who had been rejected at a stated communication of said.....Lodge No....., holden on the..... day of....., 19....., and he did state the same, in substance, in the lodge room of said lodge on the .....day of....., 19....., and also in his place of business on the.....day of....., 19.....

(OR)

Specification 7: That the said *A. B.*, on or about the.....day of....., 19....., at..... in the County of....., N. C., did have illegal carnal and sexual relations with one *Jane Doe*, the daughter of a Master Mason (or other description), whose true name will be disclosed to the said *A. B.* at the time this complaint is served upon him, and at the trial of this cause, in violation of his duties as a Master Mason, and to the great scandal and disgrace of the Masonic Fraternity. (90-21).

(OR)

Specification 8: That the said *A. B.*, on or about the.....day of....., 19....., at.....in the County of....., N. C., did gamble (or other offense) at dice (or other device) in the presence of *G. H.*, *I. J.*, *K. L.* (or others) to the disgrace and scandal of the Masonic Fraternity.

(Note: To charge a brother with having pleaded guilty to an indictment for bigamy is not to charge him with a Masonic offense because the Masonic offense was the act of bigamy which should be the specification. The plea to the indictment is only evidence of the fact. It is not proper to charge or specify that a member SAID he committed an offense, except in the matter of atheism or in casting a secret ballot. The specification should be that he DID commit the offense. Where the facts are not personally known to the signer, the complaint must state the source of signers information and attest his belief in their truth. See Regulation 91-6.2).

And it is therefore demanded that the said *A. B.* be put upon trial therefor.
I do certify that I am on this date a Master Mason in good standing in.....
Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., located at....., N. C.
Dated at....., N. C., this.....day of....., 19.....

.....
(Signature of Complainant)

.....
(Title if Any)

.....
(Address for mail)

TRIAL FORM 3

COMPLAINT FOR DISOBEYING SUMMONS

Title Docket No.....

To the Judge Advocate
Of The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina
Brother *A. B.* is hereby charged with un-Masonic conduct as specified below. He is a Master Mason (Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft) and a member of.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., located at....., N. C., and his present address is....., N. C. (Give residence address by street and number).

Specification 1: On the.....day of....., 19....., the said *A. B.* was served with a summons to attend as a witness before the Trial Commission appointed for the trial of *C. D.* on certain charges of un-Masonic conduct; a true copy of said summons is attached hereto and marked exhibit *A*, said trial to be held on the.....day of ....., 19....., at.....M. in the lodge room of.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., located at..... Street in....., N. C., and there to testify to the truth according to his knowledge on behalf of....., which summons was issued by *E. F.*, chairman of the said Trial Commission (or other person and his title); that the said *A. B.*, wholly disregarding said summons, did not attend at the time and place specified in said summons, but wholly neglected and refused so to do, to the great injury of said.....and to the evil example of the whole Masonic Fraternity.

WHEREFORE, it is demanded that the said *A. B.* be brought to trial therefor. I certify that I am on this date (give title) and a member of.....Lodge No..... located at....., N. C.

Dated at....., this.....day of....., 19.....

.....
(Signature of Complainant)

.....
(Title if Any)

.....
(Address for mail)

(Note: This form may be adapted to cases other than summons for witnesses, but the purpose for which the summons is issued must be clearly and fully stated).

TRIAL FORM 4

NOTICE TO ACCUSED

Title Docket No.....

Brother *A. B.*
(Address in detail).....

You are hereby notified that on the .....day of....., 19....., charges of un-Masonic conduct were preferred against you. A certified copy of the complaint is attached. You are required to answer said complaint within.....days after service of this notice upon you (or.....days after the mailing of this notice to you), and you are required to serve your answer in five copies, upon me, within that time; and if you fail to do so within that time, you may be deemed to have acknowledged the truth of said complaint and each charge and specification thereof. The following brethren have been appointed to serve as Trial commisisoners to hear and try this case, to wit:

NAME	LODGE NAME	NO.	LOCATION
1.	.....	.....	.....
2.	.....	.....	.....
3.	.....	.....	.....

If you desire to challenge any of said trial commisisoners, you are required to do so in writing and at the same time you file your answer to said complaint, or you will be deemed to have accepted the trial commissioners as appointed.

You are further notified that The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina has taken full and complete jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to this cause; and that you may appoint in writing any Master Mason in good standing as your attorney; and that you will be notified further of the time and place for the trial of the cause.

Given under my hand and the seal of my office, at....., N. C., this .....day of....., 19.....

.....
Judge Advocate

(SEAL OF JUDGE ADVOCATE HERE)

Note: Copies of this notice shall be sent to the complainant and to the lodge of which the accused is, or last was, a member.

TRIAL FORM 5

NOTICE OF FINAL APPOINTMENT OF TRIAL COMMISSIONERS

Title Docket No.....

To: Brother *A. B.* (give detailed address)

Take notice that the following named brethren have been appointed to hear and try the charges heretofore preferred against you on the.....day of....., 19....., in the above entitled cause, known as Docket No....., and that you will pay due obedience to all notices and summons sent by the chairman of said Trial Commission and received by you:

NAME	LODGE NAME	NO.	LOCATION
1. ....., Chairman	.....	.....	.....
2. .....,	.....	.....	.....
3. .....,	.....	.....	.....

Given under my hand and the seal of my office, this.....day of....., 19.....

.....
Judge Advocate

(SEAL OF JUDGE ADVOCATE HERE)

Note: A copy of this notice shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, a copy to each of the trial commissioners, and a copy served on each, the accused and the complainant.

TRIAL FORM 6

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF COMPLAINT

Title Docket No.....

I hereby certify that on the.....day of....., 19....., I personally delivered to Brother *A. B.* at....., N. C., and left with him true copies of the attached complaint, notice, and names of trial commissioners. I further certify that I personally know the said *A. B.* to be the same person named and described in said complaint as the accused therein.

I further certify that I am a Master Mason and on this date a member in good standing in.....Lodge No..... located at....., N. C. Dated this.....day of....., 19....., at....., N. C.

.....
(Name of Brother Serving Documents)

(OR)

Title Docket No.....

I hereby certify that on the.....day of....., 19....., at....., N. C., I served the attached (here identify the documents) upon Brother *A. B.*, the accused described therein, by depositing true copies of the same in the United States Post Office at....., N. C., securely enclosed in a fully prepaid wrapper and by registered mail with return registry receipt requested, addressed to the said *A. B.* at....., N. C., being his last known address.

Dated this.....day of....., 19....., at....., N. C.

.....

Judge Advocate

(OR)

Title Docket No.....

I hereby acknowledge due service of the attached notices and the receipt of a copy of the complaint therein referred to, this.....day of....., 19.....

Witness:

.....

.....

(Signature of Accused)

Note: The foregoing certificates may be adapted to the service of documents, other than complaints, by changing the description thereof. (Official Forms 30, 31, 32).

TRIAL FORM 7

THE ANSWER

Title Docket No.....

To the Judge Advocate
Of The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina

Now comes *A. B.*, the accused in the above entitled cause, in person (or by his attorney), and denies the complaint made against him, and every matter and thing contained in the charges and specifications of the same as therein stated and set forth, and demands trial thereon. This.....day of....., 19....., at....., N. C.

.....

(Signature of Accused)

[91-10.2A].

TRIAL FORM 8

ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF A PAPER

Title Docket No.....

To Brother.....

(Address in detail).....

Charges having been preferred against Brother *A. B.* of.....Lodge No....., located at....., N. C., and it appearing to my satisfaction that upon the trial of said *A. B.* on said charges, it is necessary that he should produce and prove a certain letter (or other document, book, etc., which should be described sufficiently to identify it) written by Brother.....to Brother....., bearing date about the.....day of....., 19....., it is hereby ordered that the said Brother.....produce said letter (or other item) or an authenticated copy thereof to be used on said trial, and for no other purpose whatever. Given under my hand (and seal), this..... day of....., 19.....

.....

(Chairman of Trial Commission, Judge Advocate, Grand Master, or Examiner)

Note: If the order is signed by the Grand Master or the Judge Advocate, their respective seals must be affixed. This form may be adapted to summon the production of other items when properly described.

TRIAL FORM 9

SUMMONS FOR WITNESS

Title Docket No.....

To Brother.....

(Address in detail).....

You are hereby summoned and required to attend as a witness before the trial commissioners (or the examiner) appointed for the trial of Brother *A. B.* on certain charges of un-Masonic conduct preferred against him. You will appear at.....M., the.....day of....., 19....., at (here give the address of place where trial is to be held) and there testify the truth according to your knowledge on behalf of (here give name of party summoning him or for whom he is to be a witness).

Dated at....., N. C., this.....day of....., 19.....

.....

(Chairman of the Trial Commission, Examiner, Judge Adovcate, or Grand Master)

Note: If the summons is issued by the Grand Master or the Judge Advocate, their respective seals must be affixed. This form may be adapted for use by an examiner under Regulation 93-4.1 of the Trial Code.

TRIAL FORM 10

STIPULATION FOR A COMMISSION

Title Docket No.....

To the Judge Advocate
Of The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina

We do hereby stipulate and agree to the issuing of the annexed Commission, and to the examination of *E. F.*, the witness therein named, by virtue thereof, in answer to the interrogatories and cross-interrogatories annexed, agreed to by us. This.....day of....., 19.....

.....

(Accused)

.....

(Complainant)

.....

(Intervener)

TRIAL FORM 11

NOTICE FOR APPLICATION FOR COMMISSION

Title Docket No.....

To.....

(.....)

To (Party Opposite to the One Who Signs the Notice)

Take notice that I shall apply to the Chairman of the Trial Commission appointed for the trial of the charges against Brother.....
(Name of Accused)
at .....(give address), on the.....day of....., 19....., at.....M. for a Commission to Brother.....of.....Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., at ....., N. C., to examine *X. Y.* of....., as a witness on behalf of Brother.....
(Name of Accused)

Dated at....., N. C., this.....day of....., 19.....

.....

(Signature of Applicant)

TRIAL FORM 15

DEPOSITION

Title Docket No.....

Examination of *E. F.*, a witness produced before me in the matter of the annexed charges against Brother *A. B.*, taken at....., N. C., on the..... day of....., 19....., at.....M., who testified as a Master Mason (or, if not as a Master Mason, he must be sworn by an officer authorized to administer oaths and so reported here) as follows:

To the first question the said *E. F.* says: "My age is 35. I am a farmer and reside in....., N. C."

To the second question he says: "I know *A. B.*, etc."

Lastly he says: "I do not."

To the first cross-question he says: "I do not."

(And proceed as on the questions, adding the reply to *Lastly* on the cross-questions.)

.....

(Signature of Witness)

TRIAL FORM 16

CERTIFICATE OF INTERROGATORIES

Title Docket No.....

I certify that the foregoing is a full copy of all exhibits and of all of the testimony of *E. F.*, a witness, examined before me by virtue of the annexed commission, at the time and place therein specified.

Dated at....., this.....day of....., 19.....

.....

Examiner

TRIAL FORM 17

DECISION OF THE TRIAL COMMISSION

Title Docket No.....

To the Judge Advocate
Of The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina

The commissioners appointed for the trial of Brother *A. B.* on charges of un-Masonic conduct heretofore presented, a copy of which is hereto attached and marked *A*, respectfully report:

1. That they met at.....in....., N. C., on the.....day of ....., 19....., at.....M. and said Brother *A. B.* having answered the complaint against him by a general denial (or by other plea), and the commissioners having duly organized, they proceeded to hear and try the matters referred to them in this cause.
2. That they proceeded to take testimony, and Brothers *C. D.*, *E. F.*, and Mr. *G. H.* were examined as witnesses; and that the testimony of Brother *E. F.*, taken by commission, was produced and read. In the course of taking the testimony they decided not to admit a sworn affidavit of *K. L.* unless the deponent was present to be cross-examined.
3. That they held three meetings, the last of which was for the purpose of agreeing upon and preparing this report.

That from the testimony before us we find the following:

1. As to the First Charge and the specifications thereunder:
   - A. Specification 1: That Brother *A. B.* is guilty as charged.
   - B. Specification 2: That Brother *A. B.* is not guilty as charged.
   - C. Specification 3: That Brother *A. B.* is guilty (or not guilty) as charged.
2. As to the Second Charge and the specifications thereunder:

TRIAL FORM 15

DEPOSITION

Title Docket No.....

Examination of *E. F.*, a witness produced before me in the matter of the annexed charges against Brother *A. B.*, taken at....., N. C., on the..... day of....., 19....., at.....M., who testified as a Master Mason (or, if not as a Master Mason, he must be sworn by an officer authorized to administer oaths and so reported here) as follows:

To the first question the said *E. F.* says: "My age is 35. I am a farmer and reside in....., N. C."

To the second question he says: "I know *A. B.*, etc."

Lastly he says: "I do not."

To the first cross-question he says: "I do not."

(And proceed as on the questions, adding the reply to *Lastly* on the cross-questions.)

.....

(Signature of Witness)

TRIAL FORM 16

CERTIFICATE OF INTERROGATORIES

Title Docket No.....

I certify that the foregoing is a full copy of all exhibits and of all of the testimony of *E. F.*, a witness, examined before me by virtue of the annexed commission, at the time and place therein specified.

Dated at....., this.....day of....., 19.....

.....

Examiner

TRIAL FORM 17

DECISION OF THE TRIAL COMMISSION

Title Docket No.....

To the Judge Advocate
Of The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina

The commissioners appointed for the trial of Brother *A. B.* on charges of un-Masonic conduct heretofore presented, a copy of which is hereto attached and marked *A*, respectfully report:

1. That they met at.....in....., N. C., on the.....day of ....., 19....., at.....M. and said Brother *A. B.* having answered the complaint against him by a general denial (or by other plea), and the commissioners having duly organized, they proceeded to hear and try the matters referred to them in this cause.
2. That they proceeded to take testimony, and Brothers *C. D.*, *E. F.*, and Mr. *G. H.* were examined as witnesses; and that the testimony of Brother *E. F.*, taken by commission, was produced and read. In the course of taking the testimony they decided not to admit a sworn affidavit of *K. L.* unless the deponent was present to be cross-examined.
3. That they held three meetings, the last of which was for the purpose of agreeing upon and preparing this report.

That from the testimony before us we find the following:

1. As to the First Charge and the specifications thereunder:
   A. Specification 1: That Brother *A. B.* is guilty as charged.
   B. Specification 2: That Brother *A. B.* is not guilty as charged.
   C. Specification 3: That Brother *A. B.* is guilty (or not guilty) as charged.
2. As to the Second Charge and the specifications thereunder:

A. Specification 1: That Brother *A. B.* is not guilty as charged.
(And so on in like manner giving each charge and specification, with the conclusion reached by the Trial Commission on each one separately. It is not required that separate findings of fact or conclusions of law on each item of the complaint be made in this report.)

We therefore impose the following penalty on Brother *A. B.*:

That he be expelled (or that he be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry for three months—it must be a definite time—or that he be assessed with the cost, or a part of the cost, of the trial which shall be paid within..... days of this date, or that he be reprimanded.)

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dated at....., N. C., this the.....day of....., 19.....

.....Chairman
(Trial Commissioner)

.....
(Trial Commissioner)

.....
(Trial Commissioner)

TRIAL FORM 18

DISSENT FROM DECISION OF TRIAL COMMISSIONERS

Title Docket No.....

I dissent from the decision of other commissioners in the case of Brother *A. B.* in these particulars:
(Here state the dissent.)

(OR)

I dissent from so much of this decision as finds Brother *A. B.* guilty of (here state the charge or specification number, and the dissent), or from so much of this report as fixes the term of suspension at three months (or such other penalty as may be imposed in the report).

Dated this.....day of....., 19.....

.....
(Trial Commissioner)

TRIAL FORM 19

FORM OF DECISION OF TRIAL COMMISSIONERS WHEN ACCUSED FAILS TO APPEAR

Title Docket No.....

To the Judge Advocate
Of The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina
The commissioners appointed for the trial of the above entitled cause on charges heretofore preferred, a copy of which is attached hereto, respectfully report:

1. That they met at....., N. C., on the.....day of....., 19....., at..... M., and that all of their number were present.
2. That Brother *A. B.* did not appear.
3. That Brother.....was examined orally, and he testified as a Master Mason that he served a copy of the said charges on Brother *A. B.* personally on the.....day of....., 19....., and that he served a copy of the notice of the meeting for the trial thereof on Brother *A. B.* on the.....day of....., 19.....
4. That due notice and summons of the meeting for the trial of the issues in this cause had been served on Brother *A. B.*, as will appear from the proof of service attached and marked B.

5. That Brother *A. B.* not appearing, after a lapse of more than one hour, the commission, fearing that there might be an oversight or mistake on the part of the accused, adjourned for one week, to meet at..... on the.....day of....., 19....., at .....M., and ordered the Chairman of the Trial Commission to notify Brother *A. B.* of the adjournment.
6. That they met at said..... on the.....day of....., 19....., at .....M., the day and hour theretofore agreed upon.
7. That Brother *A. B.*, the accused, did not appear. That proof of service of the adjournment was filed, as is hereto attached marked *C.*
8. That after waiting more than one hour with the accused failing to appear, they proceeded to hear proofs; and Brother....., having been appointed to appear for Brother *A. B.*, the accused, accordingly appeared and heard the testimony and cross-examined the witnesses.
9. That Brothers..... and.....and Mr..... were examined as witnesses and their testimony was taken in full, and appears in the minutes attached, marked *D.* That having closed the testimony, they heard the arguments of both sides.
10. That without adjournment they proceeded to consider the matter, and after consultation made a conclusion thereon.
11. That from the testimony before them they find the following:
(Here use the same outline as in Trial Form 17).
12. That there were no costs or expenses attending the trial, and they make none for their attendance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dated at....., N. C., this.....day of....., 19.....

.....Chairman
(Trial Commissioner)

.....
(Trial Commissioner)

.....
(Trial Commissioner)

TRIAL FORM 20

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Title Docket No.....

To.....

(All Parties Interested by Name)

Take notice that the undersigned appeals to The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina from the judgment and decision of the Trial Commission (or other authority) declaring him guilty on complaint in the above entitled cause and (expelling) him from his lodge and from all the right and privileges of Masonry, (and adjudging him to pay the cost and expenses of the trial), and he specifies the following as the grounds for his appeal:

1. That the Judge Advocate (or trial commissioners erred in deciding that *O. P.* should not be allowed to assist him in his defense as his attorney.
2. That the first paragraph of the specification under the first charge is vague and uncertain.

(Then proceed with each separate ground for appeal numbering them consecutively.)

All of which appears by the papers, proceedings, and vote in the case.

Dated at....., N. C., this .....day of....., 19.....

.....
(Appellant)

Note: Copies of this notice must be served on the Judge Advocate and on each party interested in the case, and a copy mailed to the Grand Secretary.

TRIAL FORM 21

NOTICE OF ARGUMENT OF APPEAL

Title Docket No.....

To the Judge Advocate
Of The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina
(And to all parties interested in the case)

Take notice that the appeal in the above entitled cause from the judgment and decision of (name the authority from which the appeal is taken) to the Grand Lodge will be moved for argument before the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge at....., N. C., on the.....day of....., 19....., at.....M.

Dated at..... , N. C., this .....day of....., 19.....

.....
Appellant

(98-10.1)

TRIAL FORM 22

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Title Docket No.....

To the Judge Advocate
Of The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina

The petition of *A. B.* respectfully shows:

1. That he is a Master Mason and a member in good standing of..... Lodge No. ..... , A. F. & A. M., located at....., N. C.
2. That heretofore charges were preferred against....., a brother of.....Lodge No....., located at....., N. C., for un-Masonic conduct, which were thereafter referred to a Trial Commission and (here state the condition of the proceeding, as to whether the trial has been commenced, concluded, or judgment entered).
3. That the petitioner is interested in said proceeding and in the outcome thereof and desires to intervene therein pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 90-19 of the Trial Code.

Wherefore, the petitioner prays that an order be made herein permitting him to intervene in said proceeding and to be made a party thereto.

Dated at....., N. C., this.....day of....., 19.....

.....
Intervener

(90-19.1).

TRIAL FORM 23

NOTICE OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

Title Docket No.....

To.....
(Accused and Complainant)

Take notice that upon the attached petition dated the.....day of....., 19....., and upon all the proceedings herein, I will apply to the Judge Advocate of The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina at....., N. C., on the..... .....day of....., 19....., at.....M. for permission to intervene in the above entitled proceeding and to be made a party thereto, pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 98-25 of the Trial Code.

Dated at.....this.....day of....., 19.....

.....
Intervener

(90-19.1)

TRIAL FORM 24

ORDER ALLOWING INTERVENTION

Title Docket No.....

On reading the petition of.....dated the.....day of....., 19....., the notice of motion thereto attached dated the.....day of....., 19....., and proof of due service thereof upon the parties hereto and upon all the proceedings therein, and after hearing.....for the applicant and .....opposed, I do order that said petition be, and the same is hereby granted (or refused or dismissed).

Dated at....., N. C., this.....day of....., 19.....

.....
Judge Advocate

(SEAL OF JUDGE ADVOCATE HERE)

(Refer to Regulation 90-19.1 of the Trial Code for instructions as to who must be served with copies of this order.)

TRIAL FORM 25

PETITION TO GRAND LODGE FOR RESTORATION

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina:

A. B., late a member of.....Lodge No....., located at....., N. C., respectfully represents:

That on or about the.....day of....., 19....., he was tried by....., upon a complaint, a copy of which is attached (*or* by.....Lodge No....., located at....., ...) and, having been found guilty, was expelled (*or* suspended for.....) from his lodge and from all the rights and privileges of Masonry; that.....has elapsed and said judgment of expulsion (*or* suspension) still remains in force; that he has forsaken his (intemperate *or* other) habits and has become reformed therefrom; and having a strong attachment to Masonry, he earnestly desires to be restored to his former good standing. He states that he is not on this date under the unsatisfied sentence or judgment of any court of law for the violation of any law of the land involving moral turpitude or heinous conduct. (He further states that his citizenship has been restored as evidenced by the attached certified copy of the judgment of restoration). See Regulation 101-5.4C.

Attached hereto is his statement of the grounds upon which he seeks restoration and a receipt showing the service of a true and complete copy of this application on.....Lodge No....., located at....., ..., (*or* the Judge Advocate) on the.....day of....., 19..... He therefore respectfully prays that he may be restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry; and he promises, if restored, to comply strictly with the laws and regulations of Masonry.

Dated at....., ..., this..... day of....., 19.....

.....
Signature of Applicant

Note: The text between parentheses should be changed or omitted to show the correct information and make the application show the truth. The applicant may attach any recent testimonials of character. See Regulations 101-5; 101-5.3; 101-8.

APPENDIX D

GLOSSARY

A. D., ANNO DOMINI. In the year of our Lord.

AFFILIATED. Being a member of a lodge.

AFFILIATION. Initiation indicates the first reception of a person into a Masonic lodge, affiliation denotes the reception of one already a Master Mason into some other lodge than the one which elected him to receive the degrees.

A. L., ANNO LUCIS. In the Year of Light.

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY. The degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.

ANNIVERSARIES. St. John The Baptist, June 24, and St. John The Evangelist, December 27.

ARREST OF CHARTER. The suspension of the functions of a lodge.

ATHEIST. One who denies the existence of God, the supreme intelligent being.

BALLOT, SECRET. Voting by balls and cubes, balls representing *affirmative* votes, and cubes representing *negative* votes.

CEREMONIALS. Masonic ceremonies of constituting, instituting, or consecrating lodges; dedicating lodge halls; conducting funerals; laying corner stones; and Masonic protocol.

CLEAR ON THE BOOKS. When a member is not indebted to his lodge.

CLEAR OF CHARGES. When no charges are pending against a brother.

CODE, THE. The Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

CRAFT. A term applied to all Masons collectively. It is sometimes applied collectively to those Masons present.

CRAFT MASONRY. The degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.

DEFUNCT. A lodge whose charter has been surrendered, revoked and cancelled, or whose membership has been reduced to less than twenty members.

DEMIT. Absolute. See Regulation 84-01 for definition. Provisional or Conditional. See Regulation 94-15 for definition.

DORMANT. A lodge that has not held a communication for six consecutive months, or whose charter has been arrested but not revoked.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP. Regular membership in only two lodges.

ESOTERIC. That which is secret, revealed only to the initiated. In the secret societies of the ancients the doctrines were divided into the esoteric and the exoteric. The esoteric, for the initiated who were permitted to look upon the most sacred mysteries; the exoteric, for the un-initiated who remained ignorant of the most sacred mysteries.

EXCLUSION. A penalty imposed upon a member of a lodge for nonpayment of dues.

EXPULSION. Highest Masonic penalty that can be inflicted on a brother for un-Masonic conduct.

FORM. When the Grand Lodge is opened and presided over by any other member than the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master; also a lodge is always opened and closed in Form on the degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft.

FORM, AMPLE. When the Grand Lodge or a lodge is opened and presided over by the Grand Master.

FORM, DUE. When the Grand Lodge is opened and presided over by the Deputy Grand Master; also a lodge is always opened and closed in Due Form on the degree of Master Mason, whoever presides, except when the Grand Master opens and presides.

HEINOUS. Flagrant, odious, atrocious.

HIGH TWELVE. Noon.

INITIATED. Having received the degree of Entered Apprentice.

LOW TWELVE. Midnight.

MATERIAL. A person qualified to petition for the degrees or one who has regularly received only the First or Second degrees.

MASTER'S CARPET. A painting or diagram representing the emblems of Symbolic Masonry.

MORAL TURPITUDE . Inherent baseness or vileness of principle, nature or conduct; gross depravity.

NATAL DAY. The day on which a lodge is constituted and receives its charter.

PASSED. Having received the degree of Fellow Craft.

PAST MASTER, ACTUAL. One who has been duly installed and has served to the close of his term as Master of a chartered Symbolic lodge.

PAST MASTER, VIRTUAL. One who has received a degree of Past

Master, but who has not been duly installed and has not served as Master of a chartered Symbolic lodge.

PLURAL MEMBERSHIP. Regular membership in three or more lodges at the same time. This is not permitted in North Carolina.

PROFANE. One who is not at present and has never been a Mason.

RAISED. Having received the degree of Master Mason.

REINSTATED. This term is applied to a Mason (including an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft) who has been excluded, expelled, or suspended from a lodge of which he was a member and is thereafter restored to membership.

RESTORATION. (See REINSTATED).

REVOCATION OF CHARTER. The declaration by the Grand Lodge that a charter is forfeited and is cancelled.

SUSPENSION. Deprivation for a definite period of all the rights and privileges of Masonry, upon trial and conviction.

SYMBOLIC MASONRY. The degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.

WORK, THE. The authorized ritualistic work of the three Symbolic degrees as approved by the Grand Lodge.

CIVIL CHARTER OF THE GRAND LODGE
(Chapter 10 of the laws of 1797)

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Wardens and members, who are at present, or in the future may be, of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, be, and they are hereby constituted and declared to be a body corporate under the name and title of the "Grand Lodge of North Carolina," and by such name they shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and they may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, acquire and transfer property, and pass all such by-laws and regulations as shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of this State or of the United States, anything to the contrary notwithstanding."

CHARTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA MASONIC FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED

We, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves and do hereby unite for the purpose of forming a corporation under the general laws of the State of North Carolina, and do hereby make and execute the following articles of incorporation, and do hereby certify as follows:

First: The name of this corporation shall be "THE NORTH CAROLINA MASONIC FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED."

Second: The location of the principal office of said Corporation is in the City of Raleigh, County of Wake, and State of North Carolina.

Third: The objects for which said Corporation is formed, are as follows:

1. To promote the making of gifts by deed, will, and otherwise for the causes and objects fostered by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., and by the several subordinate Lodges holding charter or dispensation under the said Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M.

2. To provide a way of securing greater uniformity of purposes, powers and duties of administration in the management and distribution of the gifts so made by deed, will and otherwise, and for the causes and objects above mentioned.

3. To receive, take, own, hold, administer, apply and distribute gifts of any kind of property—real, personal and mixed—to be used for the promotion of the educational and charitable objects, plans or purposes of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., or for the promotion of any specified object of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F . & A. M., without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing or of the scope of the educational, charitable or other specified objects of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., but rather in illustration and explanation thereof, gifts received by the said corporation to be administered for the following purposes, among others:

(a) For assisting the Oxford Orphanage or other Orphanages hereafter established by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M.

(b) For assisting the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, located at Greensboro, N. C., as long as the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., shall sponsor said Home, and for assisting any other Homes hereafter established by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., for the orphan, the aged or the infirm.

(c) For assisting the educational projects, plans, purposes and objects of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M.

(d) For assisting such other Homes, Orphanages, Hospitals, Sanitariums, or charitable Institutions as may hereafter be organized, or supported by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., and for assisting in any other plans or programs hereafter formulated and adopted by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., for aiding in the education of the youth of the State of North Carolina.

(e) To provide for the support and care of the aged, helpless and sick Master Masons, their wives, widows, orphans and dependents in cooperation with or independently of the regularly constituted Masonic bodies or duly authorized Masonic boards or other Masonic agencies.

(f) That in addition to the object and powers hereinbefore set out, but not in restriction thereof, the corporation hereby created may do all other acts and things pertaining or incident to the general purposes herein expressed.

4. In order properly to receive, take, own, hold, administer apply, and distribute gifts made to it, the said Corporation shall have full power and authority, through its proper officers, subject to all such lawful conditions and limitations as may be contained in any instrument of gift, to hold any property of whatever nature and wherever situated, to sell, lease, transfer or exchange property at such prices, upon such terms and conditions, and in such manner as it shall deem best; to invest and re-invest funds in such loans, securities, or real estate as it shall deem suitable, to execute and deliver such proxies, powers of attorney, deeds and agreements as it may, or shall deem necessary or proper; to determine whether money or property coming into its possession shall be treated as income or principal, and to charge or apportion any expenses or losses to principal or income, as it may deem just and equitable; to select and employ suitable agents and attorneys, and pay reasonable compensation for their services, and generally to do and perform every act and thing necessary, proper and convenient to carry out fully the spirit and intent of the purposes expressed in this instrument of incorporation, and in any instrument under which it may receive gifts.

Fourth: Inasmuch as this Corporation has no capital stock, the incorporators shall serve as the governing body thereof until a Board of Directors shall be elected by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M. At the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., held after the issuing of this Certificate of Incorporation, the said Grand Lodge shall elect a Board of Directors of said corporation, composed of five members, one of whom shall serve one year, one two years, one three years, one four years, and one five years and each shall serve until his successor shall be elected as hereinbefore provided and shall take office. The members of the Board of Directors of said Corporation must be residents of the State of North Carolina, and members in good standing of a subordinate Lodge holding charter under the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M. At each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M. one member of the Board of Directors of said Corporation, possessing the above qualifications, shall be elected to succeed the said member of the said Board retiring at the said Annual Communication. Removal from the State of North Carolina, or ceasing to be a member in good and regular standing of the subordinate lodge, holding charter under the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., shall be equivalent to a resignation from said Board of Directors. Any vacancy on the Board shall be filled by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., until the next regular Annual Communication of such

Grand Lodge; at which time, the Grand Lodge shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina may, at any time, by a two-thirds vote of its members, declare vacant the office of any or all members of the Board of Directors of said Corporation and elect successors to fill out the unexpired term, or terms of the member, or members of the Board of Directors whose offices shall have been declared vacant.

Fifth: This corporation has no capital stock. The names and post office addresses of the incorporators, are as follows:

R. C. DUNN ..... Enfield, N. C.
JOHN J. PHOENIX ..... Greensboro, N. C.
ALEXANDER B. ANDREWS ..... Chapel Hill, N. C.
J. LeGRAND EVERETT ..... Rockingham, N. C.

Sixth: The period of existence of this Corporation is unlimited.

In Witness Whereof, we, the incorporators, have hereunto set our hands and seals, this the _____ day of January, 1929.

R. C. DUNN, (Seal)
JOHN J. PHOENIX, (Seal)
ALEXANDER B. ANDREWS, (Seal)
J. H. ANDERSON, (Seal)
J. LeGRAND EVERETT, (Seal)

North Carolina, Wake County.

This Is To Certify, that on this 16th day of January, 1929, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared R. C. Dunn, John J. Phoenix, J. H. Anderson, Alexander B. Andrews, and J. LeGrand Everett, who, I am satisfied, are the persons named in and who executed the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation of The North Carolina Masonic Foundation, Inc., and I having first made known to them the contents thereof, they did each acknowledge that they signed, sealed and delivered the same as their voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, this 16 day of January, 1929.

Maude Branch, Notary Public

(Notarial Seal)
My commission expires Feb. 23, 1930.
Filed—January 16, 1929.

J. A. Hartness, Secretary of State.
s/F

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF OXFORD ORPHANAGE

In accordance with the provisions of Section 55A-36 of the North Carolina Non-profit Corporation Act, the charter of the undersigned non-profit corporation is herby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is OXFORD ORPHANAGE.

ARTICLE II

At a regularly convened meeting of the Directors of the corporation held on the 9th day of November, A.D., 1973, these amendments proposed to restate and amend the provisions of the original Articles of Incorporation to include the several provisions of Chapter 60 of the Private Laws of the 1953 Session of the General Assembly of North Carolina as amended were adopted.

ARTICLE III

The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE IV

For the purposes, powers and management of the corporation it is hereby set forth:

1. That said corporation shall have power to lease, purchase, take and receive, by gift or devise, and hold in fee simple or by lesser estate or estates all manner of lands, tenements, rents annuities, and other personal property, and hereditaments, and shall further be capable in law to take, receive and possess all moneys, stocks, bonds, books, goods and chattels, which may have been or may hereafter be given to it for to any person or persons for it by deed, devise bequest or otherwise. A misnomer of the corporation in any deed, will, or other conveyance, shall not have the effect to invalidate the conveyance if the corporation shall be therein described with sufficient certainty to identify it, or if the intent of the grantor, donor, or testator to make the said corporation the beneficiary shall sufficiently appear on the face of the instrument or otherwise.

2. That said corporation shall be capable in law to bargain, sell, convey and transfer any and all lands, tenements, hereditaments and personal property held or owned by the corporation when the grant, devise, gift, or other conveyance does not otherwise provide.

3. That said corporation shall have full power and authority to make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations for the government and conduct of the Orphanage in all its departments, as may be established by it, as may seem proper and necessary, and as are not in conflict with the Constitution and laws of this State and of the United States, provided, the said corporation shall at all times be under the supervision, jurisdiction, control and direction of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.

4. That the business of the corporation, which is purely a charitable and educational one, shall be the continuance of the present institution known as "Oxford Orphanage" without any change of purpose or identity, for the maintenance and support of an orphanage or a home for indigent children of tender years, to be selected and received as the Directors, hereinafter provided for, shall determine but without discrimination as to race, color, national origin, sex, religious denomination or locality; and the support and education of such children, including their religious, moral, mental and physical training,

and their instruction in the useful arts.

5. That the corporation shall have the power to place any child committed to its care in good homes under such rules, regulations and contracts as it may from time to time establish, and in case any such child be ill treated it shall have the power to reclaim the same. It may have children regularly apprenticed to it, and it may receive from any parent or person standing in the place of a parent a full surrender of any child. For any violation of any contract made between the corporation and any person who shall receive a child, it may maintain an action in any court of the State, either in its own name or in the name of the child.

6. That the business of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, the number of which shall be determined by the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, one of whom shall be the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, or the acting Grand Master. The Board of Directors shall elect a President and Vice President and such other officers as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine to be necessary, said Directors shall have power to determine what other officers, if any, may be necessary, to fix their terms and salaries and to provide for their election or appointment.

7. That the Directors of said corporation shall be elected by the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and shall hold office for such terms as may be determined by the Grand Lodge; and the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, or the acting Grand Master, shall be Ex Officio a Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors.

8. That the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina shall have the power to elect its Directors in such manner as it may prescribe, to fix their qualifications terms of office, and the manner of filling any vacancies that may occur in said Board of Directors.

9. That no part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these by laws, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law) or (b) by the corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

10. That in the event of dissolution of this corporation, all profits and assets of the corporation shall be paid and delivered to such charitable, educational or benevolent organization as may be determined by the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, provided each such organization to which any assets are paid and delivered shall be exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law), or an organization to which contributions are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

ARTICLE V

The address of the home or principal office of the corporation is Oxford Granville County, North Carolina.

ARTICLE VI

The registered office of the corporation is 2921 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina.

ARTICLE VII

The registered agent of the corporation at the registered office is Robert P. Dudley.

ARTICLE VIII

These amendments shall henceforth constitute, be and serve as the Articles of Incorporation of the Oxford Orphanage.

ARTICLE IX

There are no members of the corporation having voting rights, and the foregoing Articles of Amendment to the Charter of Oxford Orphanage received the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors in office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Oxford Orphanage has caused this document to be executed in its name by its President and Secretary, this 12th day of November, A.D., 1973.

OXFORD ORPHANAGE

By William H. Mills, Jr.
President

ATTEST:

Henry F. Flowers
Secretary

NORTH CAROLINA
CABARRUS COUNTY

William L. Mills, Jr., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is the President of Oxford Orphanage, that he has read the foregoing Articles of Amendment to the Charter of Oxford Orphanage and knows the contents thereof, that the statements therein set forth are true, and that he signed the foregoing Articles of Amendment to the Charter of Oxford Orphanage as its President.

William L. Mills, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14th day of November, 1973.

Rosemary A. Koontz
Notary Public

My commission expires: October 4, 1975

NORTH CAROLINA
GRANVILLE COUNTY

Henry F. Flowers, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is the Secretary of Oxford Orphanage, that he has read the foregoing Articles of Amendment to the Charter of Oxford Orphanage and knows the contents thereof, that the statements therein set forth are true, and that he signed the foregoing Articles of Amendment to the Charter of Oxford Orphanage as its Secretary.

Henry F. Flowers

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of November, 1973.

Maurice E. Parham
Notary Public

My commission expires: August 20, 1975

These Articles of Amendment were filed with Thad Eure, Secretary of State of North Carolina, on the 15th day of November, 1973.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Department of The Secretary of State

To all whom these presents shall come, Greetings:

I, **Rufus L. Edmisten**, *Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached to be a true copy of*

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

OF

OXFORD ORPHANAGE

Which changed its name to:

THE MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN AT OXFORD, INC.

the original of which was filed in this office on the 9th day of June, 1994.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the City of Raleigh, this 9th day of June, 1994.*

Rufus L. Edmisten

Secretary of State

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Department of The Secretary of State

To all whom these presents shall come, Greetings:

I, Rufus L. Edmisten, *Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached to be a true copy of*

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN AT OXFORD, INC.

the original of which is now on file and a matter of record in this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the City of Raleigh, this* 15th *day of* February, 1995.

Rufus L. Edmisten

Secretary of State

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CHARTER
INCORPORATING
MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED

(Note, by the Code Commission:

1. On June 18, 1910, the Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina issued a Certificate of Incorporation (#8159) for this corporation, consisting of 7 sections.
2. On June 12, 1929, the same authority issued a Certificate of Amendment (#32892) to Sections 2 and 6 of the foregoing charter; and
3. In September 1952 the same authority issued a Certificate of Amendment (#67939) to Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of each of the foregoing documents. These three Certificates have been carefully compared and have been edited hereafter to provide for the text of all amendments and to state the text of the Charter of this corporation as of September 1952, the date of the last amendment thereto but omitting all resolutions, signatures, and probates.)

CHARTER

SEC. 1. The undersigned incorporators do mutually agree with each other to enter into, form and organize a corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, the names and post office addresses of said corporators being as follows, to-wit:

R. N. Hackett, Grand Master of North Carolina A. F. & A. M. ..... Wilkesboro, N. C.
F. M. Winchester ..... Charlotte, N. C.
M. W. White ..... Mooresville, N. C.
L. M. Clymer ..... Greensboro, N. C.
A. J. Parker ..... Louisburg, N. C.
W. H. McLaurin ..... Laurinburg, N. C.
Mrs. W. H. Woodbury ..... Murphy, N. C.
Mrs. E. L. Travis ..... Halifax, N. C.
Mr. G. R. Calvert ..... Asheville, N. C.

SEC. 2. The name of the corporation shall be "Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated," and the corporators named in this certificate shall continue to be the corporators so long as they shall respectively hold the offices of Grand Master of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M. and directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, and when any corporator shall cease to hold such office, his rights as corporator shall immediately vest in and be transferred to his successor in office.

SEC. 3. The said corporation shall have perpetual succession, a common seal which may alter at pleasure- shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all the Courts of this State, shall have all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the restrictions contained in the corporation laws of this State now in force, except as to the duration of its existence.

The principal office and place of business of this corporation shall be located

in Greensboro, in the County of Guilford, State of North Carolina.

SEC. 4. A. The said corporation shall have power to lease, purchase, take and receive by deed, gift or devise, and hold in fee simple or lesser estate or estates, all manner of lands, tenements and hereditaments and shall be capable in law to take, receive and possess all moneys, stocks, bonds, books, goods and chattels which have been or may hereafter be given to it, or to any persons for it, by deed, devise, bequest or otherwise. A misnomer in any deed will, or other conveyance shall not have the effect to invalidate the conveyance if the corporation shall therein be described with sufficient certainty to identify it, or if the intent of the grantor or testator to make the Home the beneficiary shall sufficiently appear on the face of the instrument or otherwise.

B. The said corporation through its officers, by and with the authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation be, and it is hereby authorized and empowered to sell, transfer and convey any part or all of its surplus real estate and personal property owned or in anywise acquired by the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated, upon such terms as said corporation, acting through its Board of Directors, may deem wise and expedient, it being understood that "surplus" real estate shall be all real estate owned, held or belonging to the corporation except the original 29 1/4 acre tract or tracts of land located in Greensboro, North Carolina, together with the improvements thereon, known and designated as the Masonic and Eastern Star Home property.

C. The purpose of this corporation shall be to build, operate and maintain a home for the aged and indigent Masons, aged and indigent wives of Masons, and such other relatives of Masons as the Board of Directors shall in the By Laws of the Corporation provide, and this corporation shall have the power and authority to do all and everything necessary, suitable, expedient or proper for the accomplishment of the purpose or purposes for which this corporation is formed, and to do all things that shall at any time appear conducive to or expedient for the protection or benefit of the corporation, and to exercise all powers now or hereafter conferred by the laws of North Carolina upon corporations of like character.

SEC. 5. The Board of Directors of said corporation shall have power to make, alter and amend the By-Laws, rules and regulations for the government of Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated, and for the operation of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro, North Carolina.

SEC. 6. A. The said corporation shall be under the supervision and control of The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and of The Grand Chapter of North Carolina Order of Eastern Star and The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and said Grand Chapter of North Carolina Order of Eastern Star shall unite and cooperate in the construction and maintenance of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina to contribute three-fifths, and The Grand Chapter of North Carolina Order of Eastern Star to contribute two-fifths of the funds necessary to build and maintain said Home.

B. The said supervisions and control of this corporation shall be exercised by the said Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter through the Board of Directors of this corporation, which Board of Directors shall consist of twenty (20) members,

the members of which shall be elected by and from The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, and The Grand Chapter of North Carolina Order of Eastern Star, the said Grand Lodge to name eleven (11) and the said Grand Chapter to name seven (7) of the members of the Board of Directors of this corporation, and the Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina shall be ex-officio a member and Chairman of the Board of Directors of this corporation, and the Worthy Grand Matron of The Grand Chapter of North Carolina Order of Eastern Star shall be ex-officio a member and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of this corporation and the Directors elected by The Grand Lodge and The Grand Chapter together with the two ex officio members shall constitute the entire Board of Directors of this corporation. The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and The Grand Chapter of North Carolina Order of Eastern Star shall have power to elect said Directors in such manner as they may prescribe, and to fix their terms of office and the manner of filling any vacancies that may occur in said Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of this corporation shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Superintendent, and such other officers and employees as the Board of Directors deems wise and necessary and shall fix their duties and compensation.

SEC. 7. The Board of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, Incorporated is authorized and empowered and directed to use the property of the corporation, real, personal, and mixed, as in the opinion of said Board of Directors shall be wise and proper in the best interest of said corporation, and said Board of Directors shall have power and authority to create such endowment fund or funds and special fund or funds as it may see fit, decide what surplus monies and funds now belonging to the corporation, or which may hereafter be donated, given contributed or otherwise come into the possession of the corporation shall be added to such fund or funds created by it, make plans for the enlargement of such fund or funds, invest and reinvest such fund or funds, and promulgate rules and regulations governing the use of both the principal of and income from such fund or funds.

END

(Filed September 11, 1952. Thad Eure, Secretary of State)

TABLE OF VOTES IN THE GRAND LODGE

VOTE	SUBJECT	REFERENCE
Blank Ballot	Not to be counted	63-4
Dual Vote	Permitted the Grand Master in case of a tie	19-4
Final Vote	Effect of	36-10.20
Grand Tyler's Vote	Not required	19-3.2
Majority Vote	In all cases not otherwise provided for	19-6; 30-10.25
	To change the place for the annual communication	18-1; 36-10.23 B
	To reconsider a vote	19-7; 63-15
	To vary the order of business	37-3
No Vote	Delegate of a lodge U.D.	3-5; 39-11
	One absent when the question was first put to vote	41-6 (28)
	One personally interested in the question	41-6 (28)
One vote	Grand Officers	19-3.2
	Certain officers of lodges, or their proxies	3-4; 19-3
	Members of the Grand Lodge, as such	19-3.5
Reconsideration of vote	When and how made	19-7; 36-10:18&19; 63-15
Three-fourths vote	To revise or draft a new Constitution or Code	10-2
Three votes	Each chartered lodge has	3-4; 19-3
Tie votes	Grand Master can break	19-4

TABLE OF VOTES IN THE GRAND LODGE (Continued)

VOTE	SUBJECT	REFERENCE
Two-thirds vote	To amend the Constitution	10-1.4
	To amend a Regulation	10-1.4
	To appropriate money from the Permanent Fund	5-7.1
	To approve incorporation of a subordinate lodge	4-6
	To change after 12 o'clock noon of second day of the annual communication proposals to:	
	Amend or revise the CODE	36-10.23 A
	Change time or place of annual communication	36-10.23 B
	Create or change the compensation to be paid to any one by the Grand Lodge	36-10.23.F
	Introduce a subject relating to the financial affairs of The Grand Lodge	36-10.23 F
	Present any claim against the Grand Lodge	36-10.23 E
	Restore a suspended or expelled Mason	36-10.23 C
	To create or change the compensation to be paid by the Grand Lodge to anyone	21-2; 36-10.23 F
	To elect the Deputy Grand Master	12-2
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	To entertain a second time, motions previously lost	36-10.13
	To suspend the rules of parliamentary usage	36-10.27
Unanimous consent	Not permitted in election of officers	12-2
	To finally dispose of any business not reported on by a board, commission or committee	27-3; 36-6
Vote as Proxy	Grand Officers cannot	3-3.2
	Past Grand Elective officers may	3-4; 19-3.4

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VOTE	SUBJECT	REFERENCE
Vote by ballot	When demanded by one member	19-1.1
Vote by a proxy	As many proxies as he holds, but not more than three	19-3.4; 19-5
Vote by a roll-call	When demanded by three or more members	19-1.1
Vote of absentee	Cast by ranking lodge officer or by his proxy	19-3.1
Who must vote	Every brother present having the right to vote unless excused by the Grand Master	19-3.6; 36-10.6
Yea and Nay	Not permitted	19-1

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Blank ballot	Not counted	63-4
Clear ballot	On applications for advancement	73-6
	On applications for affiliations	75-7
	On applications for restoration after exclusion	78-2
	On a petition for the degrees	68-3.15; 68-9; 69-1
	On a proposal for honorary membership	81-2
	On a proposal for life membership	79-2.3
	On a waiver of jurisdiction, may be	42-9
Illegal vote	When more written ballots cast than members present	63-7
Majority vote	In all cases not otherwise provided for	63-13
	To consent to formation of a new lodge	39-4.2
	To convict in proceedings for contempt	100-1.4
	To exclude a member for nonpayment of dues	77-20.10
	To expel or suspend for contempt	100-1.8; 100-1.11
	To reconsider a vote	44-7; 63-13; 63-15; 45-23.18; 45-23.19
	To surrender a charter *except* when 20 or more members vote not to surrender	41-9.7

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VOTE	SUBJECT	REFERENCE
No vote	If petitioner disqualified, when	66-2
	To grant demit	76-4
	To return a petition and fee because no jurisdiction	65-7
Proxy	Not permitted in a subordinate lodge	63-9
Three-fourths vote	To change the location of a lodge	42-1.5.E; 42-1.6.F
	To terminate an honorary membership	81-4
Tie vote	Master may break if he has *not* already voted	44-7; 59-2.25; 63-16
Twenty votes	Prevents consolidation of a lodge with another	48-1.7; 48.2
	Prevents surrender of the charter of a lodge	41-9.8
Two-thirds vote	To amend the by-laws	45-1
	To elect the Master	54-3.1
	To remove a trustee	60-4
	To require the Treasurer to deliver books and property to a committee	59-11.8
Tyler's vote	When required	63-11
	When not required	63-11; 68-3.9
Unanimous	(See CLEAR BALLOT, above)	
	To grant a waiver of jurisdiction	42-9
	To remit dues of one nonaffiliated	77-5
	To withdraw a petition for degrees	65-5
Visitor	Cannot vote	63-14
Who must	Every member present, unless excused by the Master	63-4
	Every member must in a secret ballot	63-4; 68-3.16; 45-23.17
Written ballot	When demanded by two or more members	59-2.14; 63-3
Yea and Nay	Not permitted	63-3

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